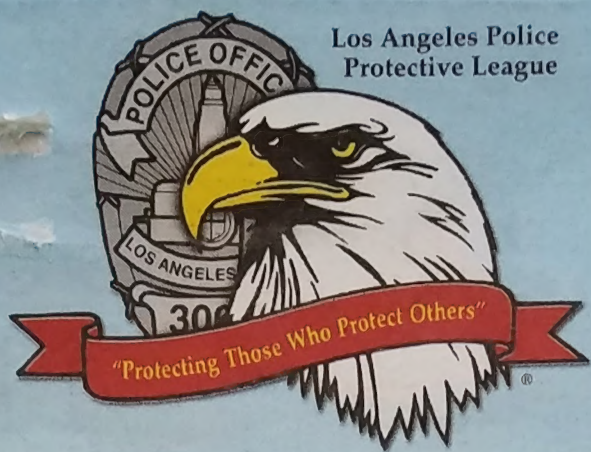


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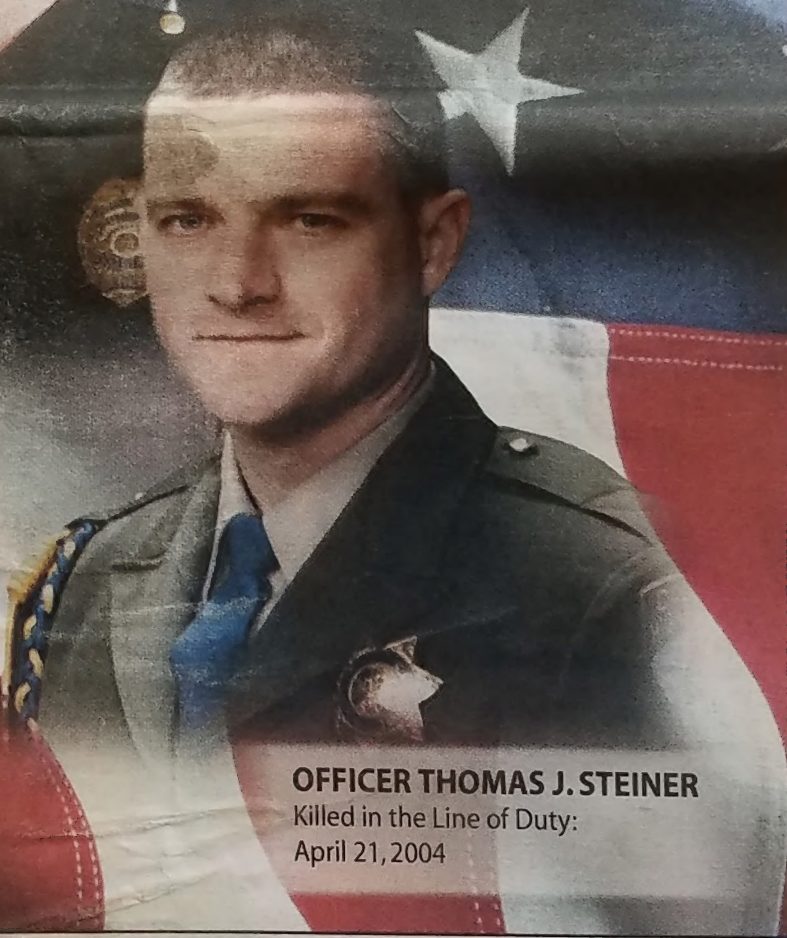
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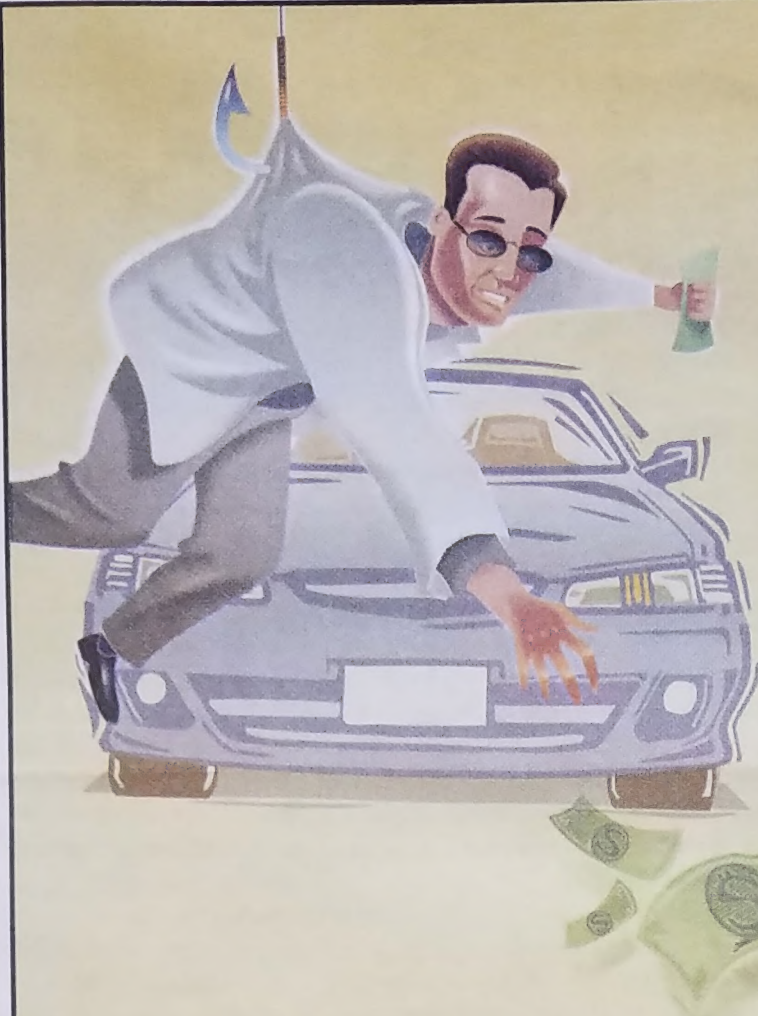
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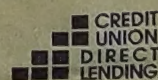
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A half of a penny doesn't sound like much. You can't buy anything with it – not even a piece of candy these days – and, even if you could, no such coin exists.

But what a half-cent could buy us is 5,000 more police officers in Los Angeles County. In an era of budget cuts and dwindling resources, we could increase our public safety personnel in the county and provide a better sense of protection for our communities.

Currently there are 22,500 officers serving Los Angeles County's 10 million residents – more than 9,000 of these are LAPD officers. But budget cuts, demands from anti-terrorism efforts and our ever-growing population are stretching our ranks thin. In 2002, there were almost 400,000 serious crimes in L.A. County, including 1,162 murders (an average of more than three per day), 2,894 rapes and 55,008 assaults. And our ranks pale in comparison to our county's gang-bangers: there are an estimated 80,000 gang members living in the county.

By now I'm sure most of you have seen Sheriff Lee Baca on the news rallying for Measure A, the half-cent sales tax increase that would fund the addi-

tional officers. What you may not be aware of is how the tax will work and the benefits it will provide countywide.

If approved, Measure A would provide money for law enforcement personnel, equipment and facilities, homeland security, crime prevention programs and a new communication system for the sheriffs, police and firefighters. Some funds also would be earmarked for the District Attorney's Office and the probation department.

Specifically, the funds from the half-cent sales tax would:

- Put 5,000 more uniformed police officers and sheriff's deputies in our communities, thus reducing response times and providing greater protection.
- Provide a modern communications system for local public safety personnel, allowing different agencies to communicate more easily during regional emergencies, such as earthquakes, security threats or terrorist attacks.
- Fund programs that address child abuse, domestic violence, graffiti and youth violence.
- Prevent the early release of prisoners from Los Angeles County jails,

which has occurred due to recent budget cuts.

- Require local governments to increase their spending on law enforcement each year to match inflation, up to three percent annually.

The money raised as a result of Measure A is locked in and can only be used for these specific programs. Unlike Proposition 172, a 1993 sales tax increase for public safety that was undermined when city funding was reduced to compensate for the tax revenues, this tax revenue has to go for new programs. It is written into the initiative that it will be guaranteed through independent financial and performance audits.

While raising taxes may not be the most pleasant way to accomplish the goal of increased funds for law enforcement, there are no alternative sources of revenue. Given our cash-strapped city budget, it seems to be the best we can do at this time – and it is crucial that we take action now, before terrorism strikes, crime becomes more entrenched and our jobs become riskier.

In order to pass, Measure A must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the voters. If approved, it would raise the sales tax in the county from 8.25 percent to 8.75 percent. The half-percent boost would raise \$560 million annually.

The money will be doled out among the cities and different public safety agencies that make up Los Angeles County, including the sheriff's department and LAPD. As the largest city in the county, Los Angeles will receive a

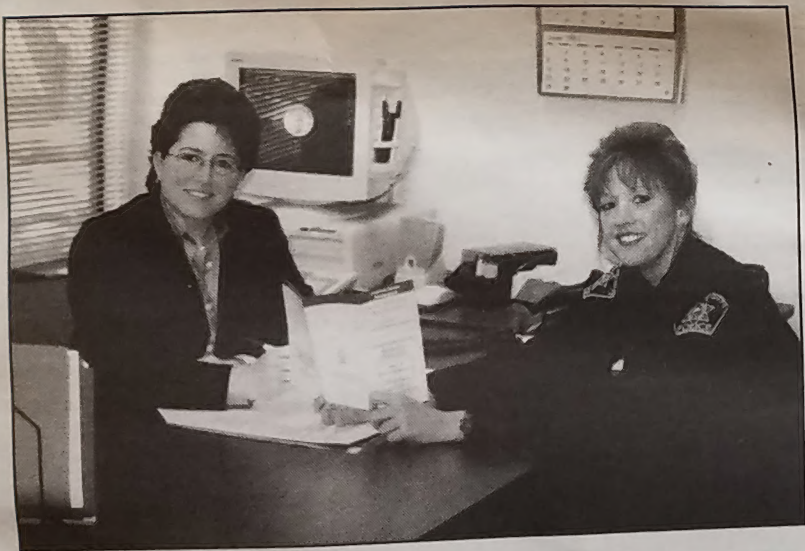
great majority of the funding, estimated at about \$164 million. Other cities' projected allocations range from almost \$40,000 to \$20 million per year. On the county side, the funds would break down as follows: \$50.4 million for the jails, \$45 million for sheriff's patrols in unincorporated areas, \$19.6 million for the District Attorney's Office, \$14 million for the Public Defender's Office, and \$11.2 million for regional communication systems.

It will be critical for our county and city leadership to educate voters on the importance of the additional funding for our public safety needs. Hiring new personnel and funding current initiatives is essential to protecting our city and county, and it is our leadership's responsibility to ensure that this emphasis on public safety is maintained.

The Mayor, the Chief and the City Council have all voiced their support for Measure A. We need all residents of Los Angeles County to join them in making public safety a priority and supporting this measure at the polls. As police officers, it is essential that we also lend our support, because our local departments have a great need for this funding – and are counting on it to come through in order to increase our ranks and better protect against both domestic and foreign terrorist threats.

Please join the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League in voting yes on Measure A on November 2 – guaranteed funding for law enforcement and other public safety efforts is as simple as saying "yes."

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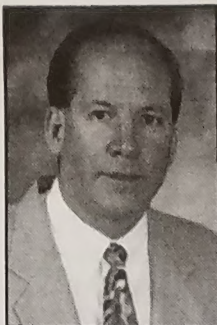
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Vest Reimbursement

I have been informed that the checks for the vest reimbursement will start being issued by the end of September and beginning of October. I was informed the delay was due to finalizing the list. Additionally, if a member did purchase an upgraded vest and is not on the current list, the City has agreed to a secondary list, for which checks will be issued in the near future. Should you need to contact me or be placed on this secondary list you can e-mail me at tim-sands@lappl.org or fax me at (213) 251-4566. I will need your complete name and serial number.

Employee Rep Training

As I announced earlier, we have put together an Employee Rep Training Day at the LAPPL on Monday, October 25, 2004. All interested members who signed up will be notified via mail. I contacted the Department and the training will be on duty. If we missed you this time, I will be putting together another training day just after the first of the upcoming year. An announcement will be made in the future.

Legal Plan

As Legal Chairman, members call or come up and ask me what does the Legal Department do, or spend on the mem-

bership? The question is a legitimate one and the following is a breakdown of benefits provided.

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I believe the Enhanced Legal Plan is probably the Number One benefit the League provides to the membership. To date, over 60% of the membership belongs to the Enhanced Legal Plan. This plan reimburses you for 22 days unless you are ordered to or opt for a BOR. You can enroll by calling our Legal Department at 1-866-LAPPL4U (1-866-527-7548).

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- NAPO** National Association of Police Organizations representing nearly 220,000 police officer members in 4,000 police associations nationwide.
- CCLEA** California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.
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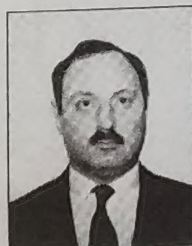
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International Police Chiefs' Convention Here in November

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the largest organization in the world for chiefs of police. The 111th international convention is going to be hosted by LAPD and LASD in just two months (November 13-17, 2004).

Chiefs of police, sheriffs and law enforcement directors from all across the world will be in our City to attend this very interesting event which includes the largest trade show of police "tools and toys"; an extensive training schedule; rounds of meetings; and, hopefully, some sight-seeing and relaxation time.

The trade show is free for all sworn officers and I encourage you to attend if you can. You should pre-register if you want to go. The trade show is free. The training courses cost money and the business meetings are private, for IACP members only.

The night before the official events start, the Police Protective League, in partnership with Chief Bratton and *American Police Beat Magazine*, are co-hosting a major welcoming event titled "Celebrate LA" and that is exactly what we want to do, celebrate what a great place L.A. is.

One of the largest and most important segments of the Los Angeles economy is tourism and conventions. That segment generates tremendous revenue for the City and tax revenue derivatives go directly into the General Fund. We get our pay (and raises) and benefits (and increased benefits) from the General Fund.

A smart police union would work with the City to make sure that the Fund is full. Working against the tourism and convention trade is truly working against our own pocketbooks. Working with the tourism trade is in the best interests of you and your family.

This concept is not new to any of us. We first started this in 1997 when we were instrumental in bringing the NAPO Convention to Los Angeles and again four years ago when Cliff Ruff and I worked together to help bring the DNC to Los Angeles. We played a critical role in helping the DNC Committee understand the public safety plan which was the linchpin in bringing the DNC to L.A.

In the 1990s when we started planning for the NAPO Convention, no one wanted to come to L.A. because it had developed the image of uncontrolled events such as riots, murders, fire storms, earthquakes and O.J. We knew we had to help turn that image around. The tourism and convention industry is too important to our economy and our

Other IACP Convention Events of Interest

Saturday, November 13, 2004

Law Enforcement Officer Performance and Reaction Drill (LEOPARD) Challenge. This police skills obstacle course competition event is tentatively scheduled to begin at 0800 hours and is open to all law enforcement personnel. It will be held in the Kentia Hall at the Convention Center.

Saturday, November 13 - Monday, November 15, 2004

IACP Exhibit Hall, AKA "Tools and Toy Show," is one of the 200 largest trade shows in the nation. It will be in the South Hall of the Convention Center. Police products and services (approximately 600 booths) of all kinds are displayed. It is open to all law enforcement officers but **you should be pre-registered**. You will need more than your police ID. Pre-register at www.theicpa.org and click on the Los Angeles 2004 IACP icon.

Trade Show Hours:

Saturday: 1000 - 1700 hours
Sunday: 1100 - 1700 hours
Monday: 1030 - 1530 hours

Sunday, November 14, 2004

5k Run will be held at 0800 hours on Dockweiler State Beach. Registration begins at 0600 hours. The entry fee is \$25.00 and all the proceeds go directly to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, Southern California.

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The **Tactical Operations Capabilities Demonstration** is a joint LAPD/LASD presentation exclusively for those **registered** for the Convention. It promises to be a spectacular event where SWAT and SEB (Sheriffs) demonstrate our coordinated tactical capabilities. It will include the deployment of air support and the use of our newest tactical armored vehicles. Expect to see insertion and extraction techniques and some surprises. It will be held at 1430 hours at Parking Lot 5, which is on Figueroa Street directly east of the Convention Center.

future.

Other cities where tourism and conventions are vitally important, such as New York, New Orleans and Miami, have also had to overcome bad crime images.

It is in our best interest as a union and as individuals to welcome these people from around the world to our City. I

encourage you to help make sure that the visiting chiefs enjoy themselves. This is essentially what we did when we hosted the NAPO Convention, except IACP is infinitely larger in scope and the League is a partner this time and not the driving force.

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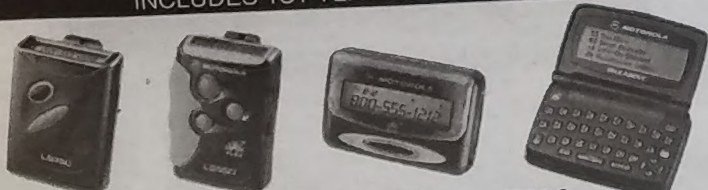
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Force Multiplier Joke

Detective CLIFF RUFF, Treasurer



The wise guys of management have come up with a clever hoax called Force Multiplier to allegedly, "significantly suppress criminal activity." The plan calls for full duty sworn personnel assigned to administrative positions to work uniformed field assignments on weekends on the P.M. watch. The thoughtful creators of this idea even created a mandatory one-hour orientation which will allegedly make the officer safe and knowledgeable. After years of absence from the field, one hour of training makes you a compatible partner with an experienced patrol officer. The program is ill conceived with the only purpose of achieving a future promotion of a staff officer with illusions of greatness, on the backs of the men and women of this Department.

At a recent staff meeting, an assistant chief told Bratton that he was getting good feedback from the officers involved, who were initially apprehensive. There must be a lot of bootlickers out there making the staff feel good because the League is receiving a large amount of complaints about the Force Multiplier experiment.

All of the impacted officers have no objection to working uniformed field assignments if there was an emergency or an identifiable crime problem. But the assignment involved radio calls, not

crime fighting. The other insult is chasing curfew violators.

Most officers assigned to the Force Multiplier details are day watch assignments with normal start times of 0600 to 0700. Now they are changed to 1630 for two days in a row which doesn't permit acclimation. As a result, fatigue sets in and the officer becomes a liability to his partner. One officer reported that the first thing you lose when you are fatigued is your judgment. How long will it take for a tragedy to occur here?

An officer was recently counseled because his project was late due to the scheduling for Force Multiplier assignments. It seems the Department doesn't know which priorities are more important. A common complaint among impacted officers is that their own assignments suffer as a result of their absences. Some officers raise the issue of certain prima donna administrative positions that are exempted from Force Multiplier. A lieutenant told me that when he reported for duty, there were already two lieutenants on duty at the division. Nothing meaningful or contributory was accomplished. We've had reports that when Force Multiplier sergeants show up, the divisions grant T.O.s to the divisional sergeants.

What we have here is a management dog and pony show that is achieving

nothing but the disruption of lives of loyal employees. No meaningful results in making this city safer are being accomplished by this ridiculous program.

I've been given some Department paperwork that links the Force Multiplier program to the essential duties program. The Department is trying to use the Force Multiplier program to identify officers on restricted medical limitations that can not perform full field duties. Is this the first stage of a program to force medically restricted officers off of the job?

In the proposed special order on "Return to Work Program / Reasonable Accommodation," there is a committee composed of the Commanding Officer, Personnel Group; Commanding Officer, Personnel Division; the concerned employee's Commanding Officer; Officer in Charge, Medical Liaison Section; and the Employee Relations Administrator. This committee would determine whether an employee has a reasonable accommodation or not and to determine if providing the employee with a reasonable accommodation would pose an undue hardship on the Department. This committee will play God with an officer's career. How will the Department assure it's an objective system and not a

good old boy system?

Commanding officers know the plan is flawed. CO's giving up personnel won't complain because they fear reprisals. Look what happened to a recently retired deputy chief when he criticized a new investigative system. He lost his command. So the message is out there for command officers... along with the program or else. The commanding officers in patrol have complaints because they are getting extra bodies for free. A good deal of them. Besides, who cares about the disruption in the lives of the impacted officers? Management doesn't. The bottom line is that Force Multiplier is a joke at the expense of hard-working men and women that are adversely impacted by it.

If the Chief thinks this will bring about a 20% reduction in crime, I think he's mistaken. The City Council will see a 20% reduction in crime by telling the Chief he has sufficient resources to address crime and he doesn't need additional personnel. The Chief can't have it both ways.

Be careful out there. Be alert and keep your support and faith for John Hatfield.

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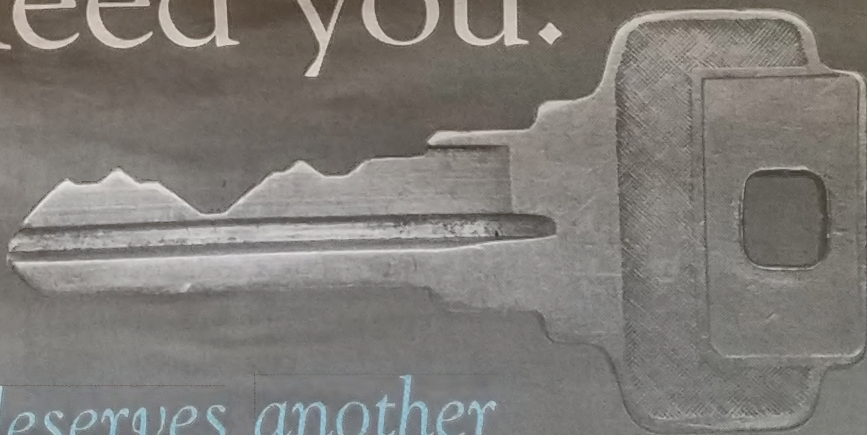
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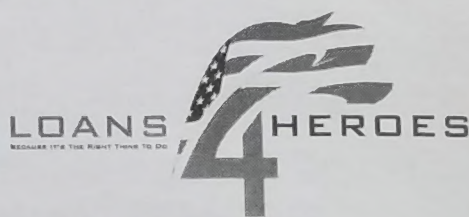
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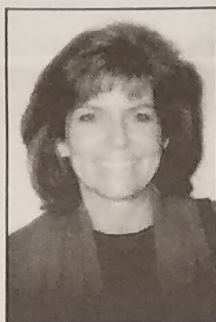
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Holding Our Heads High With Pride

Police Officer MITZI GRASSO, Director



There's that old sinking feeling again. Apparent police violence, caught ambiguously on tape has resulted in immediate media condemnation. And once again, we have all been branded "dirty" by the broad strokes of the media brush. We can argue our point of view (always dutifully recorded, but way, way down on the second or third page of the article), but it is never heard loudly enough to change the tenor of the conversation.

Sadly, the message heard by many is: LA cops are violent, LA cops are dirty, LA cops are out of control. The facts - that one video camera, shooting in the dark doesn't capture the whole story, that this scene was the end of a long chase at which the officers were at risk and, even more importantly, that there are 9200 of us doing a remarkable job at keeping LA's streets safe, despite being understaffed to a ridiculous degree - these aren't the facts that are rising to

the top of anyone's news report. So we have to keep reminding ourselves, that what makes a news story is not the everyday stuff of success, achievement and police officers putting themselves at risk to keep Angelenos safe. Instead, what surfaces is the sexy stuff - the occasional, aberrant event, the isolated incident taken out of context.

And when we are the victims of this kind of spin, we have to remember the facts, and take pride in the strength of our successes and our community. I was delighted to see a recent LA Times article about Sgt. Dan Horan and his prayer circle for English traffic victim Alice Mowatt. (Isn't it great to see a story that for once gives a snapshot of the force as we know it?) The truth is that we care - we worry about victims, we mourn the young men and women who are pulled into lives of crime because we don't have enough money or personnel to expand our prevention and gang inter-

vention programs, and we care about the ordinary Angelenos who are worried about their personal safety. We need to stand tall and take pride, and remember that today's sensationalized article will be tomorrow's landfill, but the LAPD will still be there to protect and serve.

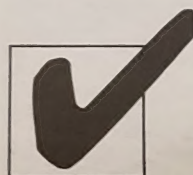
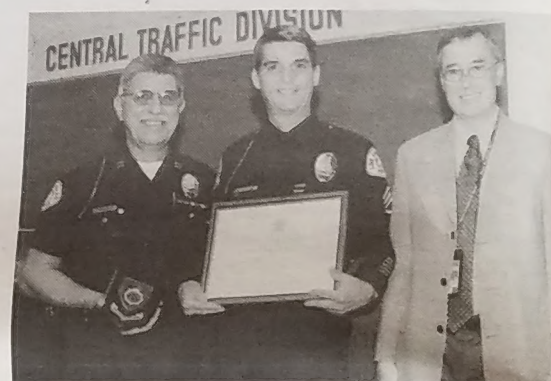
Motor Officer Shotgun Program Attracts Visitors from the United Kingdom

Officers from across the pond (United Kingdom) and Traffic Coordination Section, Special Enforcement Unit pose for this "photo op" at the Davis Training Facility, at the intersection of Academy Circle and Tactical Drive. These Constables from New Scotland Yard and Avon Somerset Police Departments are trying to put a "DEAD END" to crowded thoroughfares and log ETA's to rapidly respond to immediate tactical situations and recent increased threats of terrorism. The LAPD Motor Officer Shotgun program seemed to be what they were looking for and it drew enough interest in their higher-ups to send these Constables to observe our training, conducted by lead instructor Sergeant Greg Nichols and SITS instructors Michael Toth and Derk Mousseau.

LAPD Motor Officers have been deploying 12-gauge shotguns from motors since the fall of 1997, after then P-III Greg Nichols designed the course, which is still used today and incorporated into the LAPD Motor School. It was finally recognized that motor officers were usually at the scene before other officers could respond due

to traffic restraints. The ability for these officers to have an additional shoulder-fired firearm has come in handy on many occasions. Officers are better equipped to respond to robbery calls and handle situations with multiple suspects until backup arrives and the situation is under control. Officers completing the course must be able to ride onto the range, dismount and shoot a qualification score and complete a manipulations test in order to be certified.

These Constables showed a great interest in our training and plan on modeling their operations after our program. Sergeant II Greg Nichols, an ex-motor officer and adjunct firearms instructor, is currently assigned to Central Traffic Division as an Assistant Watch Commander and Training Coordinator. The Constables contacted Sergeant Nichols via e-mail and were invited out to observe the training, which took place on June 21st and 22nd. Just prior to their departure back to the "Mother Country" they remarked on the professionalism and the dedication they observed by the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department stating, they "were totally impressed."



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Technology: Helping us Forward or Holding us Back?

Police Officer CORINA LEE, Director



Living in the 21st century, the goal is to do everything better and faster utilizing the latest technology. A great deal of research and resources are devoted to creating new ways of doing the same old things – but in a more efficient or advanced manner. Companies like IBM or Microsoft spend as much as \$4.75 billion to \$7 billion per year on research and development to deliver new technologies that not only transform our daily lives, such as cell phones or wireless computer systems, but also fields such as medicine, engineering and industry.

And while I'm not a simpleton who talks about the "good old days" when people wrote letters to communicate or children did their schoolwork purely with the aid of a library, I believe the push to modernize certain aspects of the LAPD is hindering our progress, rather than aiding it. Worse yet, it might be putting our officers in danger.

I'm not the first person to bring up this issue, and I know I will not be the last. For the last several years, the LAPD has been working on the implementation of a department-wide digital communications system.

When the LAPD announced its plans in 1998 to revamp the system, it was noted, "Motorola will install a new communications infrastructure so officers in all parts of the city can use their portable radios to communicate directly with each other and the dispatch center." The

ASTRO radio communications system was deemed to be an enhancement over the old system and a better way for us to communicate during emergencies.

Unfortunately, this has not been the case. When the League raised concerns about the ability – or, *inability* – of officers to communicate on the system beginning in 2001, the explanation was given that officers needed more training in how to use the system. Never mind that the issues with the system were beyond anything that could be addressed through training, and that we had all sufficiently mastered the ability to utilize finger pressure to work the send button.

Excuses have continued to be made in the time since the League first raised the issue, even though officers have repeatedly demonstrated the problems with the digital communications system to those in leadership positions. In Los Angeles County, officials have spent \$6 million to buy equipment that gives some public safety agencies a limited ability to talk to one another in the event of a terrorist attack.

The LAPPL hopes voters will approve a half-percent sales tax increase in November that would allow the purchase of a state-of-the-art "interoperability" system, so first responders can talk to one another during a disaster. Right now, the LAPD has radios with high band, low band, UHF, digital and analog, which makes communications difficult.

A recent investigation by the Oakland Tribune and the Daily News found that a disproportionate share of the billions of dollars in federal homeland security grants has been sent to states with few or no terrorist targets. In California, rural cities and counties received exponentially more money per capita than the Los Angeles region, where most terrorist targets are located.

While it isn't clear as to what is being done to solve this problem once and for all, what is clear is that there are many problems with the system. To help clarify these issues, I will outline each issue as I have experienced it myself or heard from fellow officers.

Problem 1: One-Way Communication

Unlike when you talk on a land line or on the old system, only one person may speak at a time on the new communications system. When one person talks, everyone else is blocked out. We have been told that clarity on the system is better because only one person is heard at a time, but officers continue to sound as though they're talking into a tin can (perhaps with a string attached!).

When anyone speaks on a given frequency outgoing from the Communications Center, everyone who hears the officer speaking on his or her individual rover is completely blocked from transmitting. Police service representatives have repeatedly stated that, due to this problem, they try at all times to remain on a frequency for the shortest time they can; however this isn't always possible because of crime broadcasts, pursuits and any other prolonged broadcasts.

Problem 2: Simulcasts

Simulcasts create large-scale blockages. If a multi-division or, worse, city-wide broadcast is in progress, several divisions or every person on the system is

prevented from making an incoming broadcast.

While this may sound like a simple inconvenience, consider what would happen in an emergency situation. If a field officer needs back-up, assistance or help, the officer will not have the opportunity to broadcast this urgent message because the frequency is tied up. The brief seconds that an officer happened to get during a gunfight or after being injured that could have been used to call for help are gone because the system is in use. Imagine trying to call 911 on a single line and having to wait your turn while others report their emergencies, no matter if they are less urgent than yours. I can't imagine the public would stand for this, yet this type of situation persists at the LAPD.

Problem 3: The Help Button

In the event of a simulcast corresponding with our emergency, we are coached to use the help button on the rover. By pushing this button, the rover will go immediately to an emergency channel that the bureau command coordinator monitors. There are multiple problems with this approach. First, we will not know we are blocked until we try to broadcast and are met with silence. Second, if we have the opportunity in an emergency to use the help button, we have to wait for the BCC to announce the rover activation and clear the frequency. Finally, now that the officer is given the opportunity to broadcast, it might be too late – a criminal may have re-entered our field, taken a shot or the officer may now be unable to communicate, unlike several seconds before. What's worse is that communications may not have a location on the officer at that time and help may not be able to be delivered as quickly as is needed.

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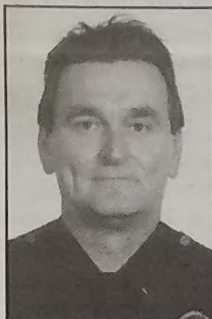
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Lieutenant LUTHER LUTZ, Director



By now almost everyone has read an article that is in favor or opposed to Proposition A, the upcoming ballot measure that will add a 1/2 percent sales tax in Los Angeles County that will be used to fund law enforcement. I am sure that most of the articles that you read regarding the proposition are more academic and cerebral than this article. However, I want to give you my perspective on this issue as a 35-year member of this Department.

First, I would just like to say that I cannot believe that there are people, especially police officers, that would not vote in favor of this measure. However, I have heard some people, including police officers, say that they already pay too much for taxes and they are going to vote against this measure because they do not want to pay more taxes. I certainly feel like I pay enough in taxes, in fact I think I pay too much. But this measure is something different and for a change it is a tax that I am willing to pay because I know where the money is going.

I do not have to tell you that the Department is vastly understaffed; everyone knows this including the citizens that need police services. There are vacant positions in every division or unit in the Department, it does not matter what assignment or division you work

there are vacant positions, except maybe for PSB or Audit Division. However, it does not matter how many vacancies there are in your unit, the work still needs to be done and management still expects it to be done and they do not want to hear some lame excuse like you are understaffed. Instead they will tell you that the work has to be done, they do not care how you get it accomplished just do it as long as you do not use any overtime to get it accomplished. After all, they believe the Department's motto should be modified to "Doing more with less."

While an organization can deal with temporary shortages, it eventually takes a toll on everyone. Morale and productivity are certainly negatively impacted when personnel shortages results in officers being unable to provide the services they know they should be providing, detectives getting further and further behind in their caseload, response time going up for calls for service, patrol officers having less time for proactive police work, less time for traffic enforcement, self-initiated field encounters, follow-up activity or investigations, etc. etc., etc. When you cannot even meet basic deployment needs, you can obviously forget about taking a T/O day for a family event or a family emergency.

If you are undecided as to whether you support this proposition, just look around during the next call or squad meeting you attend. If this does not convince you how important this proposition is, then I do not know what I can say that will convince you. The Department is so badly understaffed in patrol that it is putting officers at risk and creating unnecessary officer safety issues because there are not enough personnel to provide officers with adequate back-up or the support necessary while they are trying to handle hot shots and emergency requests for police service. This was not always the case. Patrol use to have the resources to get the job done. I remember when I worked early PM watch at 77th Street Division. There were 16 officers assigned to early PM watch working X cars, PM watch had 9 A Cars and the usual complement of X cars, than you had mid-PM watch with 2 to 4 X cars. It was not uncommon for there to be 26 to 30 units deployed on PM watch on weekends.

Today, there is not a watch commander in the City that would not be thrilled with those resources. Unfortunately, today just the opposite is true. It is not unusual for some divisions to only have three or four units deployed. What makes this situation even worse is that this inadequate deployment is occurring in divisions that have a lot of violent crimes and gang activity, which translates into a lot of shootings and homicides, which results in investigations that are very labor intensive and time consuming. For instance, during the last week in August, Southeast Area had an officer-involved shooting on AM watch and it had three units deployed. As a result of the OIS, the resources of the division were immediately committed to

this incident. Consequently, other units from Harbor Area and other divisions had to handle any citizen requests for police service, which increases response time and creates officer safety issues for officers and puts citizens at risk because police officers are not available to handle their needs for police service.

With the passage of Proposition A, every law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County will have additional resources specifically designated for them. For LAPD, that means somewhere in the range of an additional 1,250 police officers. Ask anyone in the community or anyone from the Department, from a PII to the Chief, and they will tell you that there is a shortage of personnel and that additional resources are necessary. This is an opportunity for you to provide for your own safety and to ensure the City has the resources to provide the quality police service the citizens of Los Angeles deserve. For the average person that lives in Los Angeles County, this proposition will translate to a cost of less than 50 cents a day. Which means that in order to pay for this proposition you will have to only give up about one cup of that fancy coffee you like to drink (Star Bucks once a week) because that is all this measure would cost (for me I will have to give up one of my daily cans of Diet Coke). I think that giving up a can of soda or a cup of coffee is worth it the "sacrifice," especially if it results in providing the resources that will improve the quality of life in the community and improve officer safety.

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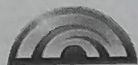
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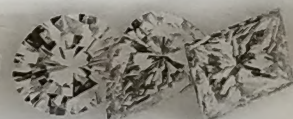
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Voters must demand more support for law enforcement



Police Officer PETER REPOVICH, Director

I don't think I have to remind you that our city and state are facing serious budget challenges. In the last weekend of August, Governor Schwarzenegger hosted a yard sale of the state's assets that were sitting in warehouses – including items such as surplus office equipment, computers and cars and such oddities as a popcorn machine and baseball cards. He positioned the sale as one of the ways to make the state government operate more efficiently; I don't think I'm alone in seeing it as a sort of fundraising effort to counter our deficit. What's next – the All-California Bake Sale? Or perhaps Pawning for Public Safety?

The dire situation of our city and state funding hits us all hard, but perhaps it's public safety that feels the greatest strain. As demands on us increase from angles such as the growing state population and the need to protect against terrorism, we seem to hear the "do more with less" mantra on a fairly regular basis. We are expected to get creative, be resourceful and "make it work."

But, what if we can't? What if "making it work" simply isn't good enough? In the event of a major terrorist event in Los Angeles, making it work with the limited equipment and resources we have on hand to deal with such a scenario may cost us lives on both the police force and within the community. Somehow I don't

see this as being workable.

No matter what the situation, it seems that there is never the money or resources to do it right from the start. But when an emergency or other urgent situation occurs, or when someone decides it's time for reform, the money suddenly appears. This doesn't make sense – why not just do it right the first time around?

What we need is to face reality and take a hard look at the public safety demands of our city and state and invest the resources – with personnel, equipment, infrastructure, training and funding – that are truly necessary to ensure that we function at a level that serves the needs of the people we protect. Everyone deserves more: the rank and file, department management, the leaders of our city and, especially, the residents of Los Angeles. As Chief Bratton has said, we can't police on the cheap.

We must not wait until we are in the midst of a crisis before we receive the investment we need to adequately protect the community. Take a look at how the state has handled the situation concerning the West Nile virus. Last year, West Nile was a mild threat to our state, but this summer, there are more than 300 reported cases of West Nile in humans in California and multiple deaths – and only now do we see steps being taken to address this problem. Must we have an

emergency of this magnitude before the situation is deemed important enough to receive adequate resources? Perhaps we could have avoided the deaths caused by West Nile or better guarded against public panic had the essential resources been dedicated to this cause when it was more manageable last year.

We can't take the same gamble with our public safety. For years, we have talked about the fact that other large metropolitan centers in the United States have a greater police presence in smaller geographic areas than Los Angeles. For example, Chicago, with almost 2.9 million people in 227 square miles, has more than 13,000 officers. New York, with a population of more than 8 million people spread over 303 square miles, has more than 39,000 officers. By comparison, Los Angeles has a population of about 3.7 million scattered over 469 square miles, and just more than 9,000 officers.

Beyond the additional personnel, it also appears as though these cities' leadership and local governments are supporting their efforts to make public safety a priority. In August, Chicago Police Superintendent Philip Cline announced that the city would add more police officers and surveillance cameras in order to increase security in the downtown business district of Chicago in light of a heightened terror alert (even though Chicago was not specifically called out as a target). In announcing his decision, Cline said, "It's better to be overprepared than to play catch up. We want to deter terrorism." In May, the department also maximized its street presence by reassigning officers assigned to desk duties and consolidating some of its lock-up facilities to put 90 additional officers on the street and in the communities.

In announcing its bid for the Republican National Convention, which it hosted last month, New York City noted that it has the largest police force in the nation and that the city "is far and away the nation's safest big city." In 2002, with crime down, New York City was ranked between Provo, Utah, and Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., in terms of its crime rate per 100,000 people. To put this into perspective, Provo has a population of 105,166, while Rancho Cucamonga's is 127,743.

The leaders in our city and state should take Chicago Police Superintendent Cline's remark to heart: "It's better to be overprepared than to play catch up." A simple statement, but it is true. We can't wait until the threat is upon us before we are spurred into action. While creativity and the pilot programs that come with it at our Department may provide temporary solutions to our current challenges with limited personnel and limited funding, more permanent solutions must be found to sustain our Department and the safety demands of the public.

What's more is that the benefits of public safety transcend simply seeing less crime. Safer cities are places where people want to live, work and visit. Companies, tourists and conventions are all attracted to places that they can reliably call "safe." I don't think too many people equate Los Angeles with safety – but perhaps if we invest in ensuring the safety of our communities, we'll see a return from this investment in additional revenue from other sources.

Investing in public safety is responsible and critical to our viability as a law enforcement agency and to our success as a major U.S. city.

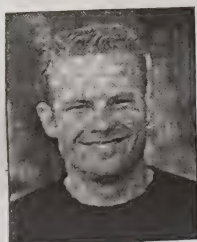
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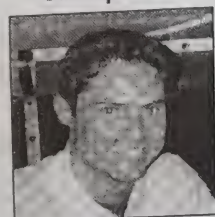


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NAPO Top Cop Awards:

Earlier this year we submitted the LAPD Medal of Valor (MOV) recipients for 2003 as candidates for the NAPO Top Cop Award. NAPO has strict rules requiring that the act honored had to have occurred in the prior year, in this case 2003. However, none of them had occurred anywhere near 2003. Everyone we submitted was disqualified for failing to meet the timeliness requirement.

The Department requires the case to be reviewed and the officers cleared criminally and civilly before they are considered for a medal. This can take years!

We want deserving officers to be recognized nationally for their incredible acts of bravery. The Department has its requirements and time table; we have ours. **Please forward me a copy of all material for MOV type occurrences by the end of January 2005, so we can review and prepare them for submission for NAPO 2005 Top Cop Awards!** Pass on the word.

Paul Weber
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Insurance Update : Long Term Disability (LTD)

We are still meeting with our insur-

ance brokers and potential vendors looking for the best overall LTD plan. This is an exhaustive effort and has been going on for months. The changes in the workers compensation laws and other factors have made it more difficult than in the past.

Once we get the bids returned we will take it to the insurance trustees (Delegates Jack Cota, Emmett Badar, Chris Vasquez, and U.S. Taylor) and the Board of Directors for approval.

As soon as we have concrete information I will let your local delegates know and information will be in the *Thin Blue Line*. We will have an open enrollment period to allow those who wish to sign up.

Whole-Body CT Scans:

Researchers say in the September issue of the journal *Radiology* the radiation from these increasingly popular screenings could increase a person's risk of death from cancer.

Each year, thousands of people with no symptoms of disease undergo whole-body computed tomography scans — called CT or "CAT" scans — often without the knowledge of their primary doctor. The aim is to check the body for any cancerous tumors or cardiovascular conditions even before symptoms arise, in order to start treatment as early as possi-

ble. Proponents view whole-body screening as a useful tool for detecting disease, and a cottage industry of "boutique" imaging centers has sprung up to offer the scans to anyone willing to pay the \$700 to \$1,500 cost.

Until recently, the debate over the scans has focused primarily on issues other than radiation. Critics say there is no solid evidence they extend life. In addition, CT-scans can carry a high false-positive rate, leading to unnecessary further testing.

Now, researchers at Columbia University in New York say that people considering elective scans should also weigh the risk from exposure to radiation. The study's authors, in a finding that is likely to raise further debate, suggest the radiation dose from a full-body CT scan can be almost as high as the dose received by some of the survivors of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — people for whom there was clear evidence of an increased cancer risk.

The study was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Cancer Institute.

Travel Tip- Flight Delays:

To minimize chances of hitting some of the delays, try flying early in the day, since flight delays build and summer storms often come in the afternoon. Visit weather.com at www.weather.com/activities/travel/dailytraveler/ for travelers' forecasts, and see real-time flight-delay information at www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp.

If possible, avoid connections in congested hubs. Although large hubs take much of the rap for delayed flights, try to avoid routing your trip through a smaller airport where delays are rising

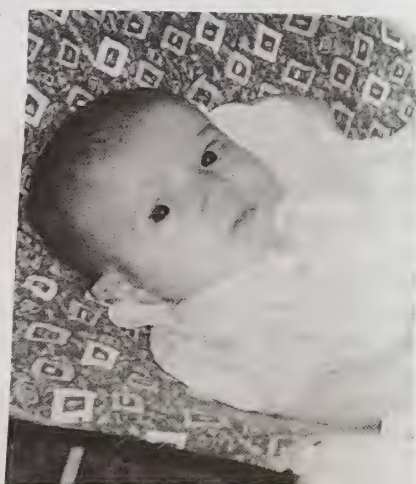
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December Blueline:

In the December *Blue Line* we will be highlighting our active military members. We are asking families of members who are activated for military service to send in photos with captions containing holiday wishes, for publication. Please see the informational ad on page 26 for more information.

Officer's Daughter Needs Help:

The Austin Police Association is sponsoring fundraising efforts for the family of Detective Jeff Gabler to assist with medical bills for six-month-old daughter Ava Renee Gabler, who was diagnosed at birth with a rare liver disease and is currently awaiting a liver transplant. Mail to the APA office at 400 West 14th Street, Suite 230, Austin,



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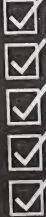
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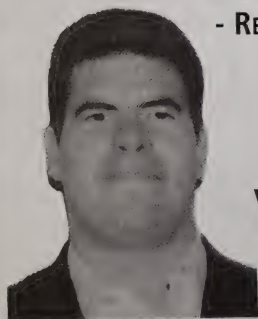
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

Court of Appeals Rules That Simply Denying An Out of Statute Allegation Does Not Constitute Separate Misconduct

In *Alameida vs. State Personnel Board* (2004) 120 Cal.App 4th 46, the California Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District (Sacramento) ruled that simply denying an out of statute allegation does not constitute separate actionable misconduct alleging dishonesty.

Briefly stated, the facts of the *Alameida* case are as follows. On December 1, 2000, the director of the California Department of Corrections ("CDC") dismissed Nathan Lomeli ("Lomeli") from his position as a correctional officer at Soledad State Prison for misconduct alleging dishonesty, immorality, discourteous treatment of the public, and other failure of good behavior during or outside of duty hours, of a nature to cause discredit to the appointing authority or the person's employment. The alleged misconduct was that Lomeli allegedly committed sexual offenses in Santa Cruz on September 18, 1998, and lied about them by falsely denying them (the dishonesty charge) in an interview conducted by CDC on July 12, 2000, after the District Attorney dropped the

criminal charges for lack of evidence.

Lomeli opposed the adverse employment action, and an administrative hearing was held. Without reaching the merits, the administrative law judge (ALJ) proposed revocation of the discipline and dismissal of the charges on the ground that the November 15, 2000, notice of adverse action was not timely served within the one-year limitations period of section 3304, subdivision (d), of the Public Safety Officers Bill of Rights Act ("Act") (as extended by pendency of the criminal case). Although the November 15, 2000, notice of adverse action was served less than one year after Lomeli's alleged dishonesty in denying the sex offenses during the investigatory interview on July 12, 2000, the ALJ determined the dishonesty charge could not survive as a separate basis for discipline, because it flowed directly from the investigation of the September 1998 sex offenses, and it would defeat the purpose of the Act to allow the employer to circumvent the one-year limitations period by allowing the agency to prove the underlying charges in order to demonstrate the employee was dishonest in denying the charges. The State Personnel Board ("SPB") adopted the ALJ's decision in October 2001.

CDC filed a petition for administrative mandamus alleging among other things that SPB's decision was invalid because it erred by ruling the notice of adverse action was not timely served as to the sexual assault charges and as to the dishonesty charge. CDC appealed from the trial court's judgment denying the petition for writ of administrative mandamus.

In the Court of Appeals, CDC contended in relevant part that its notice of adverse action was timely served as to the charge of dishonesty claiming that it constituted an independent ground for discipline under Government Code §19572. The dishonesty in this case consisted of Lomeli's simple denial of the sexual assault. CDC argued it was entitled to discipline Lomeli for this dishonesty and was entitled to prove the foundational facts of sexual assault in order to prove the dishonesty (though CDC did not dispute its disciplinary action was untimely with respect to the sexual assault itself). The Court disagreed.

The Court of Appeals held that it is unseemly to force a person to answer an allegation of misconduct and then punish him for denying the allegation. The Court agreed with the ALJ and the trial court that the denial in these circumstances does not constitute separate

actionable misconduct, but in effect merges with or is derivative of the alleged underlying misconduct. As phrased by the ALJ, the dishonesty charge flows directly from the investigation of the assault. To allow the dishonesty charge to survive would defeat the purpose of the limitations period, which is to insure that conduct that could result in discipline should be adjudicated when memories are fresh. According to the Court, to allow the employer to prove the underlying charges in order to demonstrate that an employee was dishonest in denying he underlying charges would defeat the purpose of the Act.

The Court concluded by stating that alleged dishonesty in denying an underlying charge does not start a new limitations period for discipline of peace officers under the Act.

On August 25, 2004, LAPD management petitioned the California Supreme Court to depublish the *Alameida* decision claiming that somehow this case... "will make it more difficult to maintain the integrity of the police force." Wow! The League submitted a response and urged the Supreme Court to deny the LAPD's petition. We will keep you informed of future developments in this case as they occur.

Be safe and may you and your family have a very happy Halloween. ♦

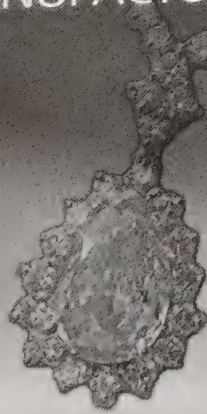
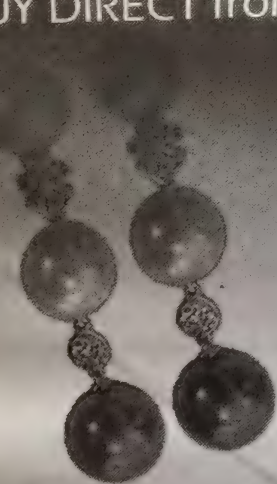


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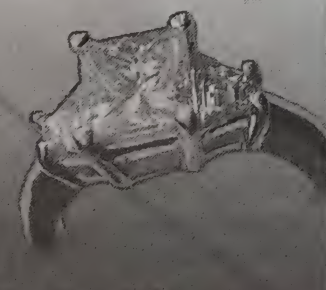
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The Long Journey of Officer Shooter

Part 11-The Use of Force Board

[Review of Part 10. Officer Shooter has been notified that the Federal prosecutor is not going to file a criminal case for violation of civil rights against him. This allows the normal Department procedures to continue. His shooting of an unarmed juvenile has been scheduled for a Use of Force Board.]

Presentations

I decided to go to my Use of Force Board, although several of the officers I work with told me not to. "You don't need the grief," one said. "Don't worry, you will get their decision in writing, you won't need to take notes," said another. I was curious and I also was getting so sick of the desk that I would have attended a meeting to watch paint dry. I drove down to Parker Center.

The room was large and was filled with people. My captain was at the foot of a square of tables setting up an enlarged diagram of the scene of the shooting. Everywhere I looked were silver stars on collars. I was definitely out of place. I sat down and remained silent.

Everyone was chatting and it was plain to see that the room was filled with people who knew each other. Then the chairman called the room to order. The door closed and my captain took his place in front of the diagram.

His presentation was accurate enough. He had obviously done his homework. When it came time for his recommendations, without batting an eye, he recommended administrative disapproval for the use of force. He thought my drawing of my weapon was okay, but he didn't like my tactics. He thought that I should not have gone in foot pursuit of someone I believed had a gun. I should have set up a perimeter.

I knew, and he knew, the suspect would have surely gotten away if I had done that, but, hey, if the suspect had gotten away, I wouldn't be sitting here now wondering about my fate. I resolved to never go in foot pursuit again. An easy decision for a desk officer.

After the recommendations, the Board members asked my captain a lot of questions showing that they too had read all of the reports. Then we were all kicked out of the room. I stood alone in the

crowd waiting for the decision.

Perspective of a Use of Force Board Chairman

Although now an Assistant Chief, Jim McDonnell started out like everyone else, in patrol. That was in 1981. From there he went to West Bureau CRASH and then did tours in OCID and 77th homicide. He made sergeant and went to Southeast Division where he also did a tour in vice. Then to Inspection and Control until he made lieutenant and was transferred to Hollenbeck. When the rank of captain came, he went to Southwest Division, CED, and Management Services Division. He was promoted to Commander and handled the IACP planning and was appointed to assist Chief Bratton on his transition team. He was promoted to Assistant Chief and was the Chief of Operations for a year and is now the Director of the Office of Human Resources. He also chairs the Use of Force Review Board which meets every Monday afternoon to provide recommendations to the Chief of Police on an officer's use of force.

The process starts for Chief McDonnell when he is given a large stack of reports prepared by CIID (now FID) concerning the investigations of the coming weeks scheduled use of force hearings. He takes those reports home over the weekend and spends four or five hours reading through the investigation, officer and witness statements, and the addenda, with an eye towards the appropriateness of the tactics used, the reasons for drawing and holstering the weapon, and whether or not the use of force itself meets Department policy. An eye is also kept out for any issue that might come up relevant to the officer's or the Department's accountability in the use of force such as officer safety, fourth amendment and fourteenth amendment constitutional issues, probable cause issues, or search and seizure issues.

Chief McDonnell says that he is aware that he is Monday morning quarterbacking the officer and he understands that the officer only had a split second to make the decisions that he, or she, made. His goal is to look from the big picture perspective at the actions the officer took and the circumstances under which the officer acted and come up with an assessment. Was this behavior optimal and appropriate, or were there other options available that could have allowed the officer to exercise a greater level of officer safety and com-

munity safety. With this preparation done, Chief McDonnell attends the Use of Force Board hearing.

The hearing is held in a large room with a square of tables set up for the various people attending. The Board itself is composed of Chief McDonnell, the Commanding Officer of the Detective Bureau, the Commanding Officer of the involved officer's bureau, the Commanding Officer of Training Group, and a peer member from the ranks of the Department. They form the south side of the square. On the west side of square, there will be the investigators that did the investigation into the use of force. Down from them are the two use of force experts from the Academy. One from firearms and one from tactics. On the east side of the square sit representatives from the Use of Force Review Section and representatives from the Inspector General's office. The north side of the square is where the captain sits who is summarizing the particular use of force for the benefit of the Board.

Chief McDonnell, and the other Board members, have an expectation that the captain who is making the presentation to the Board will be thoroughly familiar with the facts and will have done a captain's walk-through with the officers prior to the presentation.

The captain will make the presentation, often with blown up diagrams and occasionally video. After the presentation, the captain will make recommendations to the Board on the classification of the officers actions in drawing and exhibiting their weapons, the officer's tactics, and the appropriateness of the use of force itself. After receiving the recommendation, each member of the Board will ask the captain questions concerning the recommendations or other issues that the Board has from its own reading of the investigation. The investigators who handled the use of force investigation can be asked questions by the Board also. Those questions being satisfied, the room is cleared for deliberations.

During deliberations there is discussion about each Board member's concerns from the reports and addenda, which often includes medical and/or autopsy reports. The captains presentation is also thoroughly discussed by the Board members.

The Board is cognizant that police officers have a unique position in society where they are entrusted with enforcing the law of the land. Officers are expected to do this in a lawful and respectful manner and are held to a high standard in that regard. The use of force is sometimes a necessary reality in the enforcement of the law. The use of force, however, is looked upon with a critical eye, whether it is a non-categorical use of force or a categorical use of force.

The goal of the Chief of Police is to be able to ensure that there are systems and processes in place for the review of

all uses of force. The Department is accountable to the public and the Department is accountable to our people for evaluating officers performance and behavior. The Department must provide the necessary feedback to make sure that officers are the best trained and equipped in order to deal with the many difficult challenges they face every day in policing in an urban environment. These are the concerns of the Board during their deliberations.

When a consensus is reached by the Board, the parties are called back into the room. The recommendation of the Board is read to the captain and the officers, if they have chosen to attend. In the case of a less than unanimous decision, a minority report is also prepared.

The Board room is then again cleared for the officer's package review. The officer can stay inside the Board room for this review. The Board now looks at the officer's package for any patterns, or similar behavior to the use of force now before the Board, with the idea of providing additional training where appropriate.

The Board's recommendations then go to Chief Bratton. He looks at the recommendations and either supports them or modifies them according to his views. Chief's Bratton's recommendation is then forwarded to the Police Commission. A presentation is eventually made to the Commission by Chief McDonnell in closed session. The Commission then makes the final findings regarding the appropriateness of the use of force, tactics, and drawing and exhibiting of the weapon.

Chief McDonnell describes the process as being very open. Each use of force is scrutinized by many eyes and many perspectives to make sure that the Department provides the highest and most respectful level of service possible to the community. Officer safety is taken very seriously and is examined at every stage of the process. The Department not only looks at the tactics leading up to the use of force, the drawing and exhibiting of the weapon, and the appropriateness of the use of force itself, but examines other associated issues such as the aforementioned probable cause and search and seizure issues, as well as separation of the involved officers from each other and Consent Decree issues that may arise.

There is a continuing balancing act going on between the interests of the public, the interests of the officers, and the constitution. The three legs of the stool are public safety, officer safety, and respectful policing. It is important to maintain the high standards of this great department even under the trying circumstances and limited resources that officers work with on a daily basis.

Chief McDonnell has this advice for officers. "Go out there and do your job as safely and respectfully as you can."

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A Message From Chief Bratton

by Chief William Bratton

The retooling and refocusing of the Los Angeles Police Department since my appointment in October 2002 has shown that you, both officers and civilian employees, can and have made a significant impact on the quality of life in this City. Through focus, innovation, perseverance, but mostly through plain hard work, you have been responsible for eliminating LA's dubious title as "murder capital of the nation" and have moved us toward the Mayor's ultimate goal of being the safest big city in the nation.

In less than two years you have helped transform this Department into a lean, efficient and focused crime-fighting team. The LAPD is prepared to reclaim its stature as the world's premiere law enforcement organization. The only obstacle that stands in our way is the need for additional resources, namely more cops on the streets and more technology.

In the past several months, I have made mention of Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca's efforts to find a permanent source of public safety funding for all law enforcement agencies in the County. The LA County Board of Supervisors agreed to put a 1/2-cent sales tax initiative on the November 2 ballot. I want to use this article to educate you on the impact the initiative, now called Measure A, would have on this Department.

I am not asking for a yes or no vote, nor am I asking you to campaign for this initiative. That would be a violation of the City's ethics guidelines. I am, however, providing you with information to educate you on an initiative that could have a tremendous impact on every employee in this Department, every resident in this

City, and every resident in Los Angeles County.

The passage of Measure A would mean the City of Los Angeles would receive approximately \$168 million a year, out of the total estimated \$500 million generated annually for all law enforcement agencies in the County. These funds would be dedicated specifically for law enforcement, violence prevention programs and the hiring of more staff for the LA County District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the Probation Department.

Built into the initiative are provisions that allow for any annual surpluses to be redirected back into police and sheriff budgets the following year. This new revenue could not be used to replace existing funding, and additional protections written into Measure A include independent financial and performance audits, ensuring that these funds would only be used for law enforcement.

In terms of dollars translating into resources for this Department, Measure A would allow for a net gain of 1,260 police officers and 128 civilian support personnel for the City of Los Angeles, over a gearing-up period of roughly five years. Added to our current sworn strength of roughly 9,200 that would mean a total of 10,460 officers. The additional 1,260 police officers would be assigned to the field at the geographic Areas throughout the City.

The gearing-up period is the time it will take to identify, screen, hire, and train new recruits, and Recruitment and Training Divisions' ability to respond to a rather large influx of new personnel. These two divisions would

not only be dealing with the activities surrounding the new hires brought about by this initiative, but also with the routine activities of replacing the roughly 350 to 400 retirees the Department sees each year.

During the gearing-up period, the Department could use any remaining funds not used for hiring personnel to fund overtime assignments specific to patrol and crime suppression in the geographic Areas, at the discretion of Area Captains. The remaining funds could also be used to purchase technology and equipment, such as vehicles, computers and radios, to support the new hires. Outside the \$168 million allocated to the City of Los Angeles, 15 percent of the total estimated \$500 million raised by the County is earmarked for outreach intervention programs, addressing such issues as child abuse, domestic violence, graffiti, and youth violence.

It will require a two-thirds majority vote for Measure A to pass. While a survey conducted in early August of 1,000 randomly selected County voters shows there is support for the measure, there are those who oppose it. Measure A is an increase in the sales tax, which means the average resident in the County of Los Angeles will pay an additional forty to sixty-five dollars more in sales tax each year.

Those polled in the initial survey were asked:

"Should the Countywide sales tax be increased by one-half cent?"

Initial responses, were 57 percent "yes" and 32 percent "no." After hearing the arguments for Measure A, 68 percent responded "yes" and 26 percent responded "no." Of the 32 percent initially opposed to the measure, the increase in taxes was the key reason for their opposition.

I want to make it very clear that as an employee of the City of Los Angeles, you have certain responsibilities regarding political activity. Here is a list of campaign limitations:

You **cannot**:

- Use or authorize use of City offices, stationery, telephones,

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- Engage in fund raising or other campaign activities during hours in which you are paid by the City to engage in City business.
- Solicit funds from City employees.
- Receive, deliver or attempt to deliver a contribution from anyone on City time or in a City facility.
- Participate in political activity in uniform.

Here is what you **can** do off-duty in regards to Measure A:

- Endorse or perform volunteer work as long as it does not involve City property, facilities or equipment. That work cannot be done during hours for which you are paid to engage in City business.
- If you endorse the measure, make it very clear you are endorsing it as an individual, not as a member of the Department.
- Make contributions.
- Solicit contributions from persons other than City employees.

Finally, when discussing Measure A, provide factual, unbiased and balanced information. The City Ethics Commission can answer any additional questions that you may have regarding your role as a City employee and political activities. The Ethics Commission can be reached at (213) 978-1960.

The formula is simple, more law enforcement officers equals less crime. That formula worked in both New York and Boston. With more officers, the tipping point was reached. In both cities, there were sustained dramatic drops in both violent and quality of life crimes.

Now it is up to the voters of Los Angeles County. They will have to decide how much they are willing to pay for safer cities, for themselves and their families.



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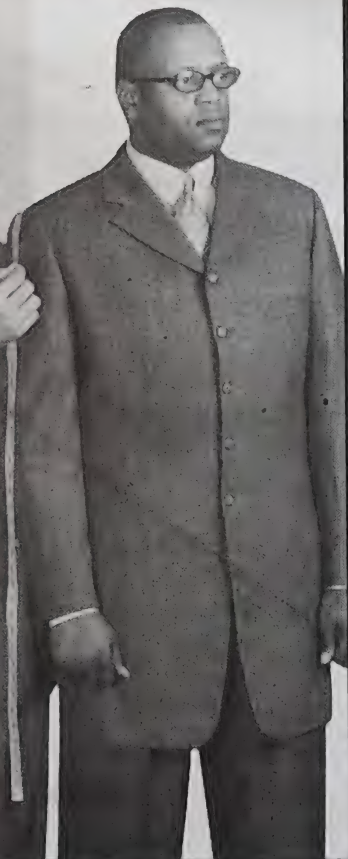
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE

LAPPL Legislative Corner

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate



In the beginning, there was much fanfare and media. The Speaker of the Assembly, Herb Wesson, stated it would be the "most important commission in years!" He recruited a "blue ribbon" panel of commissioners, representing leading law enforcement, community and civil rights advocates along with a hand-picked panel of legislators. Press conferences and press announcements were issued almost daily, as were televised replays of the "Inglewood Incident" which begot all this political furor in the first place. Meetings were held, committees were set up, hearings were commenced statewide, and ultimately legislation was introduced.

The legislative centerpiece of the Speaker's Commission was AB 1077 (Wesson). AB 1077 expanded the ways complaints against peace officers could be filed and significantly changed the reporting requirements for the Department of Justice. Wesson met with law enforcement about this bill and other bills, promising he "would work with law enforcement" to come up with acceptable

legislation. Unlike the promise held out by the Commission, the former Speaker's efforts to "work out" issues with law enforcement proved minimal, at best. I was unofficially told by a legislative staffer that "the ACLU is running the show!" So much for working with law enforcement!

Companion bills to AB 1077 were: AB 1119 (Wesson), a bizarre measure to require that an "early warning system" be established by local agencies to warn of potential violent behavior by police officers; AB 1331 (Wesson), a misguided effort to establish "whistleblower" protection to lift the so called "code of silence;" and AB 1383 (Wesson), requiring cultural and anger management law enforcement training and psychological counseling. We met with Speaker Wesson and his staff on numerous occasions to point out the problems and pitfalls of these various bills, and advised him on how some concepts could be improved and made supportable to law enforcement, but how some concepts were ill advised and simply unworkable. League Director Ted Hunt served on the Speaker's Commission and tried to bring reason and a practical approach to the Blue Ribbon Panel. In the end, our communications fell on deaf ears, and all we could do was actively oppose Speaker Wesson's

bills

One year later, Wesson's Commission on Police Conduct is now politically forgotten. All of the Wesson bills, which initially got so much fanfare and attention, are now dead. The legislative centerpiece of Wesson's Commission on Police Conduct, AB 1077, is now a bill dealing with Veteran's Homes. AB 1383 deals with the Department of Motor Vehicle's Anti-Terrorism License Plate Fund. AB 1119 deals with park rangers and AB 1331 deals with kangaroos. Yes, I said, "kangaroos" not "whistleblowers."

It would be easy to gloat about the defeat of Wesson's bills, but gloating serves little purpose. Wesson's bills failed because the former Speaker did not do what he promised to do - work with law enforcement and LISTEN to what we had to say! Wesson started by saying that "MOST law enforcement officers are professionals and good cops," yet his bills treated ALL law enforcement officers as inherently brutal, racist, and "ticking time bombs" in need of psychological help. Personally, I don't know of any officers who fit that stereotype. Rather than listen and work with us, he tried to shove some pre-conceived "rogue cop" bills down our throats. It was the wrong way to go. The predominantly African American community that Wesson repre-

sents has some real concerns about law enforcement. However, instead of bringing minority communities and law enforcement together, and using his position as Speaker to forge real solutions, Wesson became part of the problem because he refused to listen. Unless we have real communication, all the fancy "blue ribbon" commissions don't mean a thing!

On a less critical note, AB 1432 (Firebaugh, D-South Gate), a measure we co-sponsored with Los Angeles District Attorney, Steve Cooley, passed the Legislature and is now on the Governor's Desk. AB 1432 repeals California's "double jeopardy" law which would potentially allow Los Angeles Deputy David March's killer to serve a minimum sentence in Mexico for murdering a California police officer, and then return to California with complete immunity from prosecution for his capital crime. We owe Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh our sincerest thanks for helping ensure that justice will be done, not just for the late Deputy March and his family, but for the families of any other peace officer who may yet suffer such a tragic fate.

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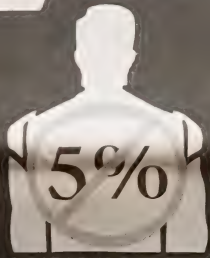
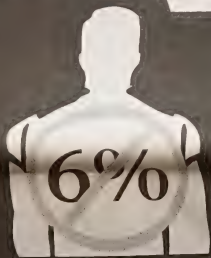
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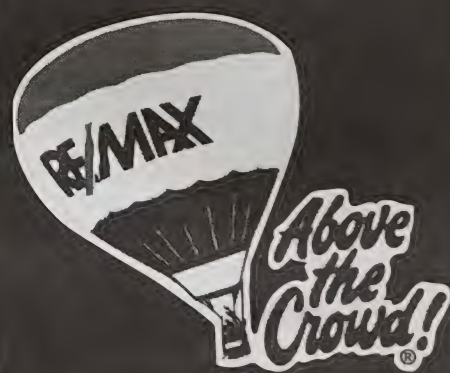
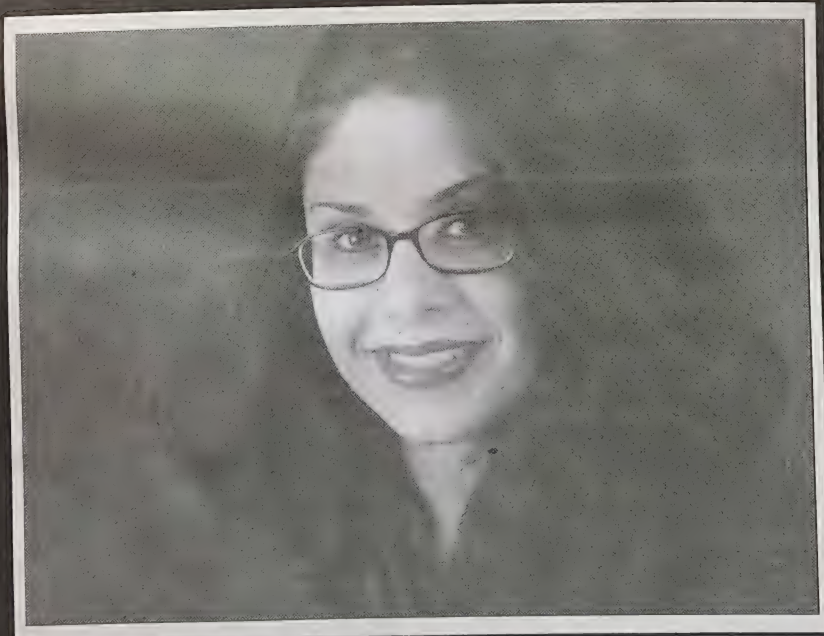
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maybe it is too much designer bottled water. Perhaps the California sun or possibly hanging with our Hollywood rich and famous, but something has happened to LAPD Chief of Police William Bratton—I like the former NYPD Chief Bratton better.

Bill Bratton took on the New York Police Department, once defined by corruption and inefficiency. Bratton is credited with reforming the NYPD, starting at the top with the brass. Bratton told the street cops and detectives to do their job. It is not a surprise the street cops loved Bratton's leadership and support. The results: New York is one of the safest cities in the world.

Bratton was so successful that the press he received made then Mayor Rudolph Giuliani so uncomfortable that he fired Bratton. Go figure.

New York's loss was absolutely Los Angeles's gain.

Shortly after taking the chief's job, many old-school LAPD staff and command officers got the hint and quickly retired. Truth is these career commanders were far more of a hindrance than benefit to the new chief, the citizens and officers.

Bratton chose his management staff wisely. He was looking for innovation from his staff not sycophants.

So what happened? Where is the New York Bratton?

Bratton, never before known to bend to the political winds, or heel to the self-appointed community leaders (read: LAPD critics), now has banned metal flashlights after the much-televised fight to subdue a car thief. There is an old saying: It is a poor craftsman who blames his tools.

There are several ongoing investiga-

tions of this arrest by different agencies. The chance of a "cover-up" is nil. Only police officers know that if the coppers involved in the arrest are found guilty of misconduct, they face penalties from a reprimand to dismissal. But losing their job is the least of the officers' worries—being prosecuted and civilly sued also loom greatly.

Now the L.A. Bratton's knee-jerk reaction is to ban metal flashlights. I cannot recall if the N.Y. Bratton ever reacted in such a fashion.

Maybe the L.A. Bratton is so far removed from street police work that he has forgotten what it is like to search for an armed man at night that is trying to kill you. I'll never forget what that is like. Has the L.A. Bratton forgotten that coppers in this situation depend on bravery, training, their partner and their flashlight? This isn't where an officer should have to depend on a flashlight better suited for Boy Scouts—not when your life depends on it.

Many officers, and I was one of them, quickly realize that carrying a large flashlight is literally a pain in the ass. That is sitting on a three or four D-cell flashlights in a patrol car are very uncomfortable.

Officers today have available to them high-tech flashlights that fit in the palm of their hand. These flashlights are so powerful they can temporarily blind a person when light is beamed into their eyes. These tools are very easy to use when aiming your gun at a suspect. But they are metal—aircraft aluminum. Will these also be banned because they are made with a very lightweight metal?

First, these flashlights are so small that even if an officer hit someone, it's not likely that it would injure the person.

And secondly, I cannot imagine officers who spent \$100 to buy their high-tech flashlight would risk breaking it by hitting a suspect.

The coppers of the LAPD and the citizens of Los Angeles deserve more of the N.Y. Bratton: a chief that can be counted on to back the officers up, pun-

ish the misfits, and tell the nothing-is-ever-right critics with the LAPD to politely shut up—remind them he is the chief and will do what is right for all the citizens and his police officers.

Rod Bernsen

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Walter Cluberton #3365
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: August 26, 1919
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: January 16, 1966
DIED: June 22, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Walter T. Donaldson #4989
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Frauds
BORN: November 27, 1915
APPOINTED: April 13, 1942
RETIRED: June 30, 1976
DIED: July 3, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Leroy R. Eide #3422
RANK: Lieutenant II
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: No Birth Date found
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: July 3, 1977
DIED: July 13, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Gerald L. Sexton #20244
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: October 13, 1946
RETIRED: August 6, 1973
RETIRED: August 23, 2003
DIED: July 21, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Gordon E. Allen #6003
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Newton
BORN: February 7, 1920
APPOINTED: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: September 1, 1972
DIED: July 23, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: John V. Meerians #6130
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: 77th Street
BORN: September 1, 1921
APPOINTED: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: June 23, 1974
DIED: August 2, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Roy N. Hammers #4989
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: July 8, 1918
APPOINTED: October 16, 1947
RETIRED: October 15, 1967
DIED: August 3, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Charles W. Long #6065
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Services
BORN: April 26, 1924
APPOINTED: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: July 9, 1969
DIED: August 5, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Freeman P. Calvert #301
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Valley
BORN: No Birth Date found
APPOINTED: March 1, 1937
RETIRED: April 6, 1957
DIED: August 7, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Leonard Voss #5549
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: June 23, 1920
APPOINTED: June 28, 1948
RETIRED: March 10, 1978
DIED: August 8, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Warren Bressler #5461
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: December 5, 1923
APPOINTED: April 26, 1948
RETIRED: August 19, 1965
DIED: August 10, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Jerry W. Conner #11603
RANK: Captain III
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: September 14, 1937
APPOINTED: August 5, 1963
RETIRED: August 25, 1992
DIED: August 13, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Sherman A. Manley #7113
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail
BORN: June 26, 1929
APPOINTED: October 12, 1953
RETIRED: March 31, 1974
DIED: August 19, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Joseph Nieznalski #5014
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: September 16, 1918
APPOINTED: October 16, 1947
RETIRED: March 18, 1973
DIED: August 20, 2004
★ ★ ★

NAME: Edward Broussard, Jr. #25618
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: March 4, 1962
APPOINTED: November 16, 1987
ACTIVE:
DIED: August 30, 2004

IN MEMORIAM

LAPD - In the Line of Duty*

Name	October Date of Death	Rank
JOHN FRANCIS TOOLEN.....	10/19/15	Sergeant
W. ANDERSON.....	10/24/33	Policeman
O.D. YANCEY.....	10/20/35	Policeman
G.R. COLVIN.....	10/18/41	Policeman
J.L. LANKFORD.....	10/14/45	Policeman
F.S. WALES.....	10/07/47	Policeman
J.B. VOSE.....	10/21/50	Policeman
R.R. CHRISTENSEN	10/14/57	Policeman
G.T. NASH.....	10/20/58	Sergeant
GARY K. McDONALD	10/06/65	Policeman
KEITH GREGORY DUPUIS	10/27/66	Policeman
GARY W. MURAKAMI	10/09/68	Policeman
PHILLIP J. RILEY.....	10/25/71	Policeman
DAVID EARLE BAILEY.....	10/21/77	Police Officer
JACK HAYDEN.....	10/10/82	Police Officer
JACK V. EVANS.....	10/22/83	Police Officer
ARTHUR KEN SOO HOO	10/29/83	Police Officer
WILLIAM N. WONG.....	10/29/83	Police Officer
THOMAS C. WILLIAMS.....	10/31/85	Detective
RUSSELL LEE KUSTER	10/09/90	Detective
RAYMOND ALFRED MESSERLY Jr.	10/22/92	Police Officer
CHARLES DEAN HEIM	10/22/94	Police Officer

*(Note: We are printing this listing each month, with the names of LAPD Officers killed in the line of duty that month.)

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Dear Chief William Bratton,

As a retired LAPD officer, I was appalled when I read that Captain Julie D. Nelson may be allowed to keep her job. Her involvement in the counterfeiting scheme should be considered conduct unbecoming an officer and totally unacceptable. This is especially true of one in a leadership position who must always lead by good example.

Her defense of only having minor participation is totally without merit. It is like her being only a minor participant in a bank robbery. She was very much involved in FELONY misconduct, regardless what the judge called it!

After 20 years of retirement, I still

feel the personal hurt when an officer tarnishes the badge which I wore with great honor.

I hope you will have the intestinal fortitude to terminate her position with the LAPD and show the troops and the public that her misconduct, and similar misconduct by any officer, will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,
Lt. Frank Petrasich, #10977
LAPD Retired

Dear Editor:
Subject: Health Insurance – Out of California

At a recent retirement that I attended, I was surprised at the number of active and retired personnel who were unaware

that Blue Cross only covers 80 percent when you leave Southern California. (At least in Nevada.) Also, some active personnel were surprised at the premium costs that come with retirement. I would urge all members, especially those planning on retirement to other states, to check into these medical costs that make a good dent in that pension check.

Bill Wilson, #14423
Retired 2/99

Dear Editor:

I'm trying to get the word out about a Web site I've started at www.lapdwife.com. Aside from writing about my personal experiences as the wife of an LAPD officer, I plan on writing about others' experiences, accepting guest writers and creating a forum where we can draw on each other for support, advice or just laughs.

Already I've had feedback from other

officers and their wives or girlfriends from around the nation, Reno, New York and Florida to name a few. This is great, but I'd really love to hear from my fellow LAPD wives.

I've been married for nearly eight years to my husband, a 15-year veteran of the department. One of the questions I hear most from my "civilian" friends is, "How do you deal with it? How does it not totally stress you out being married to a police officer?"

There's no secret answer. But it does help to have a network of friends in the same situation, men and women you can turn to for advice, support, laughs and just to listen. I'm hoping to make this site a part of that and invite other LAPD wives and family to join in with me.

Sincerely,
Renee
Renee@lapdwife.com

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This is a common sense approach. Have you ever said that the Department should run more like a business? This is it. This is how businesses run.

Businesses take care of customers. In this case, these visitors are good customers. We should be friendly and polite to the people who come here to spend money and have a good time and not cause any police problems.

This is not rocket science. When we go on vacation and spend our hard earned dollars, we want to enjoy ourselves, make sure that our families are safe and we expect to be treated with respect and dignity. Sometimes we, as police officers, get caught up in the day-to-day pressures of policing the city and we forget that not everyone is an AH. We all know in our hearts that the vast majority of people are good and decent and want to be treated just like you and I want to be treated – with respect and dignity.

I encourage you to help show the police chiefs from around the world that the reputation which LAPD enjoys as a premier agency is deserved.

Just for a moment, look back to the bleak and dismal years of 1997-2002. Yes, it is better!

In the words of that great LAPPL Delegate Jody Gryder, "Let's get it on" and welcome our visitors to Los Angeles for the best IACP Convention ever.

Measure "A"

Measure "A" is a proposal to significantly raise the level of funding for police and sheriffs in Los Angeles County.

Measure "A" affects only LA County and will appear only on the ballots of those who vote in Los Angeles County.

The funds from Measure "A" will allocate approximately \$9 million to each LAPD Division. More specifically, it will:

- Deploy an additional estimated 1500 LAPD officers to LAPD
- Significantly improve police and

fire communication systems

- Upgrade communications interoperability county-wide
- Keep prisoners in jail

- Provide crime prevention programs particularly for fighting gang and youth violence, child abuse, graffiti and much much more...

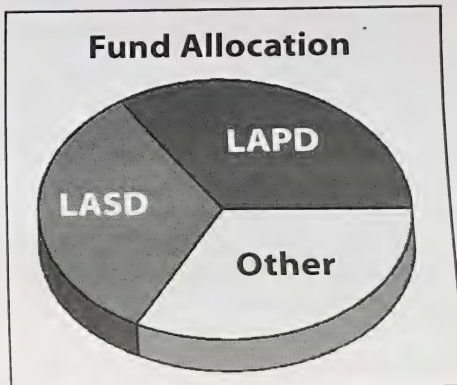
MEASURE "A" will increase the Los Angeles County Sales Tax by 1/2 cent. All of the proceeds will go to police and sheriffs. The estimated revenue per year is \$500,000,000.

These are additional funds which CANNOT be supplanted. In other words, the City cannot take away money from the existing budget and then use this money to replace what they took away. The City must maintain the current police budget or they cannot receive any of these additional funds.

There will be an oversight body which will audit the spending of each City to ensure the money is spent ONLY on law enforcement.

The chart shows how the money is

divided among the three stakeholders: LAPD at 34%; LASD including all of the cities that it contracts with such as La Mirada, Diamond Bar and Santa Clarita at 33%; and the independent cities such as Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Claremont and Pomona at 33%.



The chart above shows the distribution of funds from the 1/2 cent sale tax initiative: LAPD 34%; LASD 33% and 33% for the other independent cities in LA County.

Lee

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Problem 4: Car-to-Car Broadcasts

With the new communications system, field officers have lost the effective use of simplex (car-to-car broadcast) now that they have to switch channels to communicate. This tool on the radio was of great importance to field officers. It enabled responding officers to communicate with each other while approaching calls in order to make deployment plans, coordinate searches or gather additional information on a car-to-car basis, without

involving communications – who would simultaneously be able to maintain their broadcast abilities.

Solutions?

The League has continued to work on behalf of the officers during the last several years to address the problems created by the new communications system. Many officers keep their personal cell phones with them so that they have an alternative form of communication in the event of a life-threatening emergency. Unfortunately, it is not possible to go back to the old system – the federal government has required that the Department convert to the digital system due to the need for more frequencies as other equip-

ment (e.g., cell phones, cordless phones, wireless Internet systems, radios, etc.) utilize the available frequencies. Most all divisions now have only one PSR for their use, however it is shared on a larger system with sometimes an entire bureau, thereby increasing the numbers of officers on the radio at one time.

There are certain challenges that we as LAPD officers can handle and overcome. We understand that resources are tight in our city and state at this time and that we may not have all of the resources we would like to be able to do our jobs more efficiently and effectively. However, communication is a basic and necessary need. We depend upon clear and com-

plete communication not only to perform at our best, but also to help us in emergency situations. Officers have repeatedly raised the issue of the broken communication system with not only the League, but also the command staff, during the past several years.

We cannot wait until an officer is hurt or killed because his or her pleas for help go unheard on our ineffective communications system. We must fix this problem and provide our officers with the type of functional, modern system deserving of one of the most high-profile and consistently cutting-edge police agencies in the world.

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On the occasions when you must use force, be sure that it is the minimum force necessary to keep you, your partner, and the community safe, while still being effective in taking the suspect into custody. Be able to articulate your actions and your thought processes leading up to your actions. Be truthful and candid throughout the investigation knowing that what you did was appropriate given the circumstances.

"I am aware of how personal the issue of tactics is to each one of us and that nobody enjoys having their tactics and

behavior analyzed and evaluated. However, in order to continuously improve our training and our tactics, we must be self-critical and critical as an organization if we are to continue to improve our chances for survival on some of the toughest streets in America."

Chief McDonnell believes that a thorough review of each use of force is a critical procedure in maintaining the credibility of the organization and the Department tries to be fair to everyone involved.

"Thank you for all of the great work that is being done everyday," he adds, "and the sacrifices you continually make to keep the residents of Los Angeles safe. Keep up the good work and be safe."

One Board Can Lead to Another

It seemed like an eternity, but eventually we were all called back into the room. The chairman read the decision. They had followed my captain's recommendations. They went through each of the tactical mistakes they thought I had made in detail. I sounded like an inexperienced idiot with two days on the job. My face burned in embarrassment. Then I got angry. Then I got scared.

They kicked everyone but me out of the room again and opened my package. It was clean so that didn't take long. I don't even remember what they said. My mind was racing, trying to digest

what I had heard and what it meant. In a daze, I walked out to the elevator. Then the strangest thing of all happened, my eyes filled with tears. I had the overwhelming feeling that I had been disowned by my own. The anger returned. "You weren't there," I said to nobody.

Several days later, I called my rep to find out what would happen next. "Eventually goes to your captain for penalty," my rep said. "Probably a Board of Rights. Call the League. Get an attorney." I did.

To Be Continued...

Be legally careful out there.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

the Parker FOUNDATION

by Sergeant Steven H. Williams

"Parker Foundation Blast from the Past"

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation as many of you know by now was created in 1966 as a memorial to the late Chief William H. Parker. Hopefully, many of you have obtained grants from the Parker Foundation to help you with your training and equipment needs. Give us a call if you need any assistance.

The Foundation currently owns a 1951 LAPD police car that is currently enjoying revitalization thanks to the efforts of Sergeant Joe Priebe of Narcotics Division. Joe came to the Foundation and offered his energy and know-how to restore the 1951 Ford to original LAPD standards and to preserve this valuable piece of LAPD history.

Officer Dennis Denoi, an LAPD history buff and Chief Parker historian extraordinaire, found the car in an old Ontario equipment yard. Thanks to Dennis and Joe Priebe, the car is on his way to being a part of the LAPD worldwide appeal.

Sergeant Priebe used his gift of "public relations" to rally a bunch of supporters to help restore the car. Galpin Ford, Bert Boeckmann, Al Skobin, LAPPL, COA, LAPRAAC, LAPFCU, LAPD Motor Transport Division and Paul Barton have all jumped in and contributed towards the restoration of the car. We could use more help, we have found old timers who have contributed a siren here and a hot sheet holder over here and that all makes for a team effort in getting her back on the road.

If you have any ideas or suggestions or want to contribute toward the effort, give us a call at the Foundation office, at (213) 847-1226 or contact Sergeant Joe Priebe at Narcotics Division.

Joe recently took the 1951 LAPD car to "Hot August Nights" in Reno, Nevada. Hot August Nights is one of the largest car events in the world and has over 5,000 nostalgic vehicles involved in the weeklong celebration of automobilia. Now Joe, being the out of the box thinker that he is, couldn't just show up in a 1951 LAPD patrol car without the proper attire. Joe was able to solicit the help of retired Deputy Chief Scott LaChasse at Paramount Studios to get together a 1950's LAPD uniform and Sam Browne (cross draw style) I may add, to complete the authentic look. Special thanks from the Foundation to Captain Bruce Crossley and Assistant Chief Sharon Papa for their pro-active leadership and blessing.

Joe was quite the hit at "Hot August Nights" and was even featured on the local news. The Chief of Washoe County Sheriff Dennis Balaam greeted Joe and embraced the excitement of an LAPD representative driving through the streets of Reno. Together in uniform, they drove in the parade through the streets of Reno to the thrills of LAPD fans everywhere.

The Foundation recently underwent an outside audit from the CPA Firm Bloodgood and Hutchinson. The audit consisted of reviewing the Foundation's financial aspects and the operation of its non-profit 501(c)(3) status. I am happy to report the Foundation's finances and operations were found to be running in tip top shape and expert analysis told us that the Foundation is moving in the right direction towards providing grants to the men and women of the LAPD for educational opportunities and training equipment.

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held November 1, 2004 at the Braemar Country Club. We would like to invite each and every one of your organizations to participate as well as each of



Sergeant Joe Priebe and the Parker Foundation's 1951 LAPD Ford patrol car with Under Sheriff Dianne Nicholson, Sheriff Dennis Balaam and Assistant Sheriff James Lopey at Hot August Nights in Reno, Nevada.

you individually. Remember, the proceeds from the event go directly to grants for personnel within the Department. If you know of any company or individual who would like to help an LAPD organization, that has been helping others since 1966, give us a call. We welcome your input and assistance in any and all things the Foundation does on a daily basis. Please e-mail us with any ideas for improvement or opportunities to better serve you at parkerfoundation@sbcglobal.net. We would like to take a moment to thank the Protective League for providing this space each month for us to update you on the Foundation's activities and the tireless effort of Ms. Helen McVay who has the daunting task of putting together one of the largest police publications in the world. Thanks Helen.



Sergeant Joe Priebe, Narcotics Division, standing beside the Parker Foundation's 1951 Ford LAPD patrol car in his Circa 1950's LAPD uniform. Joe Friday would probably get a little misty-eyed at Joe Priebe's nostalgic zeal.



Galpin Ford's Bert Boeckmann and Police Commissioner Al Skobin standing in front of Parker Foundation's 1951 Ford LAPD patrol car. Mr. Boeckmann and Mr. Skobin have been instrumental in preserving a piece of LAPD history and are always helping the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation. Thanks guys!

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In Praise of the LAPD Board of Rights

By Michael P. Stone

An Answer to Those Calling for Disciplinary Reform in the LAPD

Note: Michael P. Stone is a police defense attorney who has represented federal, state and local law enforcement officers and agencies for 25 years. He teaches police discipline and civil rights for many California agencies. Formerly the General Counsel of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, he is currently General Counsel for the Department's Command Officers Association. The views expressed herein are entirely his own.

Again, a videotaped LAPD "beating" is the topic of community outrage, concern and debate. As in 1991 following the Rodney King incident, there are renewed calls for reform in the LAPD, with regard to discipline and civilian oversight. Is it time to dismantle the LAPD disciplinary system—the Board of Rights?

This article examines the issue by dissecting the LAPD system and comparing it with others to learn whether it is outdated, ineffective, biased in favor of protecting LAPD cops, and ultimately a disservice to the community.

Although the Board of Rights ("BOR") process isn't really understood and appreciated outside of the LAPD, it ought to be critically examined, especially by those who cry loudest for its abolition, before it is condemned in favor of a "better system." A BOR is a public hearing, so anyone can come to watch the proceedings. Do critics have accurate perceptions of how it works, based upon firsthand observation? Or, is it condemned because it consists of "cops judging cops"?

The BOR is fashioned after the UCMJ model, employing a formal, tightly-run court martial-style adversary proceeding to "get to the truth of the matter" and fashion an appropriate penalty for misconduct. It requires an administrative trial on charges of misconduct before a penalty recommendation is made and discipline implemented. This feature, which sets it apart from other disciplinary systems, apparently rankles the critics who want the chief and commission to discipline officers as they see fit.

Well, no. Under the City Charter, the chief is the final policymaker on discipline. The commission oversees the department, regularly conducting independent reviews of certain incidents, like the police shootings of Margaret Mitchell, and over two decades ago, Eulia Love.

The commission determined both shootings were out of policy. In Love,

Chief Gates previously determined the shooting was in policy, and he declined to discipline the officers. In Mitchell, Chief Parks determined the shooting was in policy. The commission, by 3 to 2 vote, declared it out of policy. But Parks sent the shooting officer to a BOR to be tried on (1) deficient tactics; and (2) out of policy shooting. The point is, the commission has no Charter-approved authority to discipline officers. That's the chief's job, exclusively.

The Charter specifies how the BOR is to function. Procedurally, the accused's (the charged officer) charges are tried before a three-member panel of two command officers and a "civilian" community member appointed by the commission. Community members' participation is one of the reforms recommended by the Christopher Commission.

I haven't heard one of these commission-appointed community members join in the call to scrap the BOR. They come from a diverse group of community activists and leaders, lawyers, arbitrators and businesspeople. Being bright, thoughtful and reasonable people, they significantly contribute to the overall process. They don't just "go along."

Everything is open and on the record. The panels are required to articulate how the evidence supports the findings and the decision. A reviewer must be able to trace their thought processes to "bridge the analytical gap between the raw evidence and the ultimate decision." Except for the review of the accused's personnel records in a sealed portion, the transcripts are public record.

As in a military court martial, the accused is arraigned on the charges (counts) in the verified complaint executed by the chief and enters pleas. The advocate presents the evidence against the accused because the department bears the burden of proof—another pesky "due process" principle in our Constitution. The accused is permitted to present a defense (imagine that). The case argued and submitted, the BOR deliberates on findings and announces "guilty" or "not guilty" on each count. If there is one "guilty," there is a penalty phase where the BOR hears aggravating and mitigating evidence on penalty. The BOR decision is a recommendation to the chief who may reduce the penalty or execute it as specified.

Much is said about the chief's inability to change findings or increase penalties. Well, of course, he can't. The chief didn't hear the evidence and sit through often days of testimony. Along with the community members, the chief depends on the command officers he appoints to properly perform their duties. He doesn't hesitate to inform them if he thinks they haven't done so.

Critics of the BOR process think it is biased in favor of the accused because two of the three panelists are department members. This is plainly silly. Are military judges under the UCMJ "soft" on discipline and predisposed to find accused military personnel "not guilty" or hand out unreasonably lenient penalties? BOR sworn panelists are command officers (captains, commanders and deputy chiefs). After nearly 25 years of trying BOR cases, I know the panelists routinely exercise the beset efforts of which they are capable to get to the truth. Even when the department's case lacks persuasive merit, I have seen countless cases where the panelists themselves pursue the facts by questioning witnesses and the accused, ordering further investigation, and even calling their own witnesses, all in an effort to make sure a proper decision is made.

I practice before many different types of administrative adjudicatory boards in police discipline cases throughout California, including civil service commissions, personal commissions, arbitration hearings and administrative law judge hearings. The most obvious difference between the BOR and these other systems is the timing of the hearing or trial. In LAPD, the trial precedes the discipline. The accused may then seek review of the chief's ultimate decision in superior court.

In the other systems, the discipline is finalized and implemented before the hearing. The power to amend, modify, revoke, affirm or reduce the findings and penalty resides in the discretion of the hearing (appellate) body. Thus, a chief's or sheriff's decision is always subject to review and modification by someone or some adjudicatory body, or in a court of law.

Where the chief or sheriff acts in the first instance to discipline a member, there has been no evidentiary adversarial hearing to test the merits of the case. Chiefs and sheriffs might rely on investigations and recommendations of subordinates that are flawed, incomplete and sometimes plainly wrong. The accused is disciplined or removed before the merits of the case are tested in an adversarial hearing. Consequently, and

because due process guarantees public employees the right to an evidentiary appeal if they suffer removal or significant discipline penalties, no chief or sheriff has the final say on discipline of department members. At least in the LAPD, the chief knows that discipline cases are decided by command officers he appoints and by community members appointed by the commission. Although the chief cannot increase penalties or reverse "not guilty" findings by the BOR, at least when the disciplinary decision is made in the LAPD, there has been a full-blown adversarial evidentiary trial on the merits. The decisions are consequently much less vulnerable to reversal than those in other jurisdictions where the strength of the departments' cases is tested in an appeal of imposed discipline before an independent entity.

In the Mitchell case, the BOR voted unanimously to find my client (the shooting officer) "not guilty" of both charges, after many days of testimony from investigators, experts, and lay "eyewitnesses" and a visit to the scene. This exacting process gave the board a view of the evidence that was far more complete and detailed than that reviewed by the commission, which included no live testimony, no cross-examination of witnesses, no visit to the scene, and no adversarial process. Some critical assumptions made by the commissioners turned out to be flawed, mistaken, or not supported by the evidence.

To make the point, even if the chief or commission could decide the merits of Mitchell in the first instance and discipline the officer directly, that decision would be appealed through a full trial-type hearing because 14th Amendment due process requires it. There is no reason to think the end result would be different (not guilty).

Critics who want to dismantle the LAPD BOR ought to consider what kind of system would be instituted in its place. The alternatives do not offer the same exacting standards of fact-finding, merit and accountability that are integral to the BOR.

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LAPD in Iraq



Dear Editor:

My name is **Craig Taylor** (#27087). Prior to deploying to Iraq, I was on loan to ATD from Wilshire Division. I was activated on December 1 and hit the ground in the Middle East in February. My unit is in the Army's Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) who, along with Special Forces, Rangers, Special Operations Aviation, and the JFK Special Warfare Center/School, make up the Army's Special Operations Command (Airborne). Within my company, we operate in six to eight-man teams. My team is very unique in that to my understanding we are the only team currently operating in

Iraq with three Los Angeles city employees. Master Sergeant **Bob Kolesar** (#24535) assigned to Valley Narcotics and Sergeant **Scott Carter**, Firefighter/Paramedic (LAFD 66-C, 77th Div.) are my teammates. I am sending along a photograph of the three city employees of CATA-24 prior to heading out on a combat mission. Sgt. Carter is armed with an M16/203 rifle and myself and Msg. Kolesar are armed with AK47s. We all look forward to returning home, possibly in November, to continue our service with the city.

SFC/DET Craig Taylor

Officer Cuesta Remembered



On August 8, 2004, I along with officers from Southwest Division and Newton Division took the mother and father of **Filberto Cuesta** out to dinner. I have made this an annual event to remember Officer **Filberto Cuesta** who was killed in the line of duty by a known 18th Street Gang member. The Elephant Bar restaurant hosted the dinner. I would like to thank General Manager **Mick Miela** for the great dinner and hospitality provided by him

and his staff. The Cuestas were very happy that we took the time to remember their son. We shall never forget. I have attached a photo for the *Blue Line*.

Officer **Gaxiola**, Newton Div.
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An Update on Claire Mosher and a Thank You to all from Eric, Carol and the Mosher Family.

In July, Detectives Eric and Carol Mosher's three-year-old daughter Claire was admitted to Tarzana Hospital with a life threatening reaction to a medication she had been prescribed. The reaction is called "Stevens-Johnson syndrome". She spent the better part of the next month in critical condition in the pediatric intensive care unit. After a long fight with many agonizing procedures, setbacks and more than a prayer or two we are happy to report that she has been released from the hospital and is resting at home.

Although she still has a long road to travel to overcome the effects of her illness, she, as well as mom, dad and two year old brother Sean could not be happier she is home.

Eric, Carol and the children would like to thank their entire extended LAPD Family for the overwhelming support they received which came from the entire Department at every level.

During this time it was comforting to know that so many people were supporting them in so many ways. Every thought, prayer, card, stuffed animal, etcetera helped bring Claire and the family through this ordeal and continue to sustain them during her recovery.

The tremendous response to the blood drive held in her name at Parker Center was a huge boost at a time when it was deeply needed, especially due to the fact that she was receiving transfusions and

other blood-related support. The family is aware that not everyone who came to give blood was able to, due in large part to the massive response from across the Department and elsewhere. For those who gave blood, stood in line to give and or provided support for all those who did, there are no words for how thankful the family is for your caring and personal sacrifice. The Red Cross said it was the largest response for any blood drive held at Parker Center. Many people have advised Eric it is a good thing Carol is so well liked.

It is impossible for the family to individually thank everyone for all they have done but please know you have received their eternal thanks and admiration for the support and well wishes during the time of their daughter's greatest need.

LAPD can truly be a family, especially under circumstances like these. Although Claire is only three, please know she has a concept of how important mommy and daddy's "work" contributed and still contributes in the effort of making her better. In the years to come she will know full well through mom and dad the support she received from her extended LAPD family.

With sincerest thanks and appreciation,
The Mosher Family

Slain Officer's Daughter Visits Memorial Monument



by Alan J. Atkins

Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation

On May 11, 1974, 77th Street Division Police Officer Michael L. Edwards was shot and killed. The suspect(s) of the brutal murder is still outstanding. This is one of two unsolved murder cases of a Los Angeles Police Officer. Mike was one of my classmates from 9-8-69.

Detective Dennis Kilcoyne, RHD Cold Case Team, took the case over and continues to investigate all leads. Detective Kilcoyne met recently with Officer Edwards' mother and daughter to bring them current on the investigation. Officer Edwards' daughter, Toby, was six years old when her father was killed and had never visited the LAPD. Her memories of her father are limited and provided mostly by her grandmother. Toby, now 36 years old, wanted to come to

terms with her father's murder and experience all that she could about her father, his co-workers and the LAPD that her father so loved.

In August, Toby visited the LAPD, and for the first time, saw her father's name engraved on the Memorial Monument at Parker Center. She met with Chief Bratton and was flown by Air Support to 77th Street Division where she saw her father's picture displayed with other officers who have been killed during tours of duty at 77th St. She visited with several officers who knew and had worked with her father and toured the Elysian Park Police Academy.

During her visit to different divisions, Toby experienced what it felt like to be a member of the LAPD family. She realized the depth of the feelings of loss each officer feels about losing one of their own. Toby left with the knowledge that her father's memory was revered and would forever be part of the history of LAPD.

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additional details. Sponsors and donors are needed as well! Please help make this event a tremendous tribute to all the detectives and support personnel who truly deserve to be honored and recognized!

The Los Angeles Police Historical Society hosted the Eleventh Annual Jack Webb Awards at the fabulous Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles on June 30th.

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This year's honorees pictured above are framed by **Thomas G. Hays**, Chairman of the Board, LAPHs on the left, and Asst. Chief **James McDonnell** on the right. From left to right are this year's honorees: **Paul D. Bardon**, Director of Police Transportation II, Motor Transport Division; **Lt. Robert Green**, Officer-in-Charge, LAPD Bomb Squad; **Ms. Leticia Aguilar**, President, Bank of America, Central Los Angeles Market, and consumer executive, Greater Los Angeles and Central California Division; **Ms. Marguerite P. Justice**, community leader and former Los Angeles police commissioner; and **Mr. Foster S. Dennis**, President, California Paving and Grading Company, Inc.

Each of these honorees steps up to the



plate every day and makes a difference in spite of challenges or obstacles, putting their personal agendas aside for a greater purpose. Their word consistently translates to action, backed by their personal commitment and a clear vision for what can and should be achieved.

LAPHs has accelerated the development of two places of honor in which memorial bricks are being installed. In cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC), an expanded plot has been created at the entrance to the flag courtyard at the Police Academy for a "Walk of Remembrance." The photo depicts the newly completed plot with over 300 bricks already permanently installed. There is also a "Wall of Remembrance" at the Los Angeles Police Museum and Community Education Center in Highland Park. Both areas have been designed to allow a significant number of additions. Memorial bricks can be purchased for any number of reasons: to commemorate one's career; in memory of a loved one, a family member, or a friend; for company recognition as a museum supporter; "Chief's Circle" members/donors; in memory of a fallen officer; in memory of a retired officer or civilian employee; as a family tribute; etc. Bricks can be purchased from LAPHs individually for \$100 or two for \$150. For engraving purposes, both bricks ordered together must have identical wording. If only one brick is ordered, you may select the location at which your brick is installed. Chief's Circle members, i.e., those whose annual support to LAPHs is \$1,000 or more, are entitled to one free brick per donation year. Order in person at the LAPD museum, place an order by telephone, order by fax or visit the LAPHs Web site at www.laphs.com. Call (323) 344-9445 for information.

Several months ago, LAPHs was invited to collaborate with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley to help curate a major display, which is under construction inside a new pavilion. Slated to open in the fall of 2004, the exhibit will feature Air Force One, Marine One, an F-14 fighter jet and President Reagan's lim-



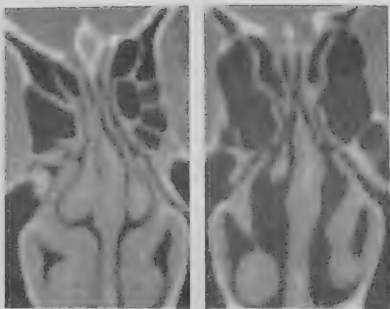
ousine, along with a mini-motorcade involving LAPD vehicles and personnel. LAPHs has acquired the requested 1984-vintage police car and two motorcycles. LAPD Motor Transport Division is doing the complete restoration of the vehicles, and they look magnificent! They will be authentic in every detail. We have also been acquiring uniforms and equipment from LAPD personnel who played significant roles during President Reagan's tenure in office. For example, Sgt. John Martin led the Motorcade Detail for several years. We already have his complete uniform and all his equipment. There will also be an LAPD SWAT vehicle (Suburban) replete with officers and equipment.

Custom mannequins representing the involved officers are being created to display their uniforms and equipment. Talk about being immortalized! On September 20, LAPHs will deliver the restored vehicles to the Reagan museum in full motorcade fashion amid considerable pomp and circumstance. A major media event is being planned for the occasion. What a great honor and privilege to be part of a permanent exhibit featuring one of our greatest presidents ever—Ronald Reagan. By the way, the Reagan Trust commissioned this exhibit with specific instructions from President Reagan himself that LAPD should be the featured police department. Out of all the agencies that could have been selected, President Reagan chose the best—LAPD!

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Health Warning: Staph/MRSA Infections

by Ted Hunt

Police officers are being warned of a serious new infectious disease called Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) or Staph/MRSA that is beginning to emerge as a public health menace. Officers on our department and neighboring departments have contracted this serious and contagious disease. It is typically found in hospitals and jails. Officers are cautioned to be careful in both environments and when contacting people who were recently in those types of facilities.

Staph/MRSA is a type of Staph infection which "is a common bacterial skin infection that is often misdiagnosed as a spider bite," reports the Kern County Sheriffs Department in a Training Bulletin. The MRSA strain of Staph is resistant to "Methicillin, the antibiotic most commonly used to treat Staph infections."

What Are the Symptoms?

The skin appears red and inflamed around wound sites which resemble a spider bite. It will be tender and/or swollen. It can be a rash, pimples, abscesses, boils or blisters. If there is an open wound, it will probably have oozing pus, which is highly contagious. (Source: Centers for Disease Control and the Canadian Centre for Occupa-

tional Health and Safety.)

How is it Spread?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "Staph bacteria and MRSA can spread among people having close contact with infected people. MRSA is almost always spread by direct physical contact, and not through the air. Spread may also occur through indirect contact by touching objects (i.e., towels, sheets, wound dressings, clothes, workout areas, sports equipment) contaminated by the infected skin of a person with MRSA or staph bacteria."



What Can I Do to

Protect Myself?

1. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after booking someone or going to the hospital.
2. Wear rubber or surgical gloves when touching or searching suspects or when touching places where an infected person may have also touched.
3. If you have cuts or abrasions, keep them clean and properly dressed with an appropriate bandage.
4. Ensure that surfaces which are commonly touched are cleaned thoroughly and regularly. (Source: Centers for Disease Control.)

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Either e-mail your wishes to: blueline@lappl.org or post them by U.S. mail to LAPPL, attn. Thin Blue Line Holiday Wish, 1308 West 8th Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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POST MEETINGS

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August 18, 2004 Meeting

There was a major change with the August meeting. It was held on Wednesday night as opposed to Tuesday because the parking lot was resurfaced on Tuesday. So there were regular comrades that could not make the meeting due to other commitments. Those missing were **Bob Kosier, Stu Streneterjeger, Dean Alexander, Woody Baca, Richard Ledesma and Dennis DeNoi**. The following were in attendance: Police Post 381 Commander **Richard Kalk**, 1st Vice & Chaplain **J.J. Leonard**, 2nd Vice **Joe Mueller**, Adjutant **Frank Ortiz**, Treasurer **Harold E. Yarnell, Jr.**, **George** and **Anna** and **Robert Aguilar**, **Gail Tam**, **Rick Leiphardt**, **H.E. "Pinky" Meredith**, **Jim Wilheauson**, **Mike Dwyer**, **Sean Torkelson**, **Ed Bressell**, **George Hofstetter**, **Rob Welborn**, **Frank Torres**, **Phil Anninos**, **Bob Reeves**, **Clinton Erickson**, **Emmett Drennen**, **Ming Meneghelli**, **William Zimmerman** (attended the board meeting and then had to run), and last, but not least, **Sam Zagorianos**.

We had cold cuts, salad, cake and ice cream served by **Megan Downing-Wilcox** and **Kent Wilcox**. Boy, we really suffer! Cmdr. Kalk ran a great meeting. One of the main subjects discussed was the upcoming 75th anniversary of our post, which we will celebrate next May 21, 2005. Start planning right now to attend, and spread the word. The more in attendance, the more fun we will have! We are planning on a dinner/dance, so write it on the calendar now.

Still Alive!?!?

Jim Hurly (retired 1981) from Texas

Commander's Corner

by Richard Kalk

I would like to thank the Legionnaires that were able to make the adjustment and attend our August meeting. It seems that our host, Post 817, was having the lot paved resulting in our meeting being held on a Wednesday night. I'm happy to report the meeting was well attended, and from the response of the Legionnaires present, it was a very successful gathering.

We are still aggressively seeking and asking members of the Post to actively work on recruiting new members. Along with the recruiting of members, we will continue to work on increasing the attendance at our meetings. These meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post 817. I know it is a drive for a lot of members, but we do have some great things happening like the

dropped by. When I told him his ol' partner **Mel Scholl** had just had a motorcycle accident, he immediately went over to Mel's home and told him, "Hey, they announced on the radio in Texas that LAPD Motor Officer Mel Scholl had crashed, so I immediately jumped on my Harlem and here I am!" Jim hasn't changed a bit (except for age). Mel Scholl remains at home attempting to heal his injuries, including six broken ribs—ouch! Mel's phone number is (818) 703-6659.

Remember Greg Dust?

Greg retired from Foothill Division and served his time in the Corps. Now he is in Ramadi, Iraq at Marine Corps base Camp Junction City. His bunkhouse is pretty comfortable with A/C, showers and portable toilets. Nice mess hall and small PX. Greg's title is Police Liaison. Don't know the specific duties. Naturally he is quite happy to be surrounded by Marines. The temperature surpasses 100 degrees by 11:00 a.m. If you would like to write him: Gregory Dust, 1335; 1st Maine Division; H&S Co-G3 Law Enforcement; UIC40120; FPO AP96426-0120.

Special Days in October

Oct. 2 – Saturday, A Night with Joe Friday, 1700-2100, Police Museum.
Oct. 6 – Wednesday, L.A. Police Emerald Society, 7:00 p.m., Elysian Park Academy.
Oct. 11 – Monday, Columbus Day.
Oct. 12 – Tuesday, Bombing of USS Cole (2000), 17 killed, 39 injured.
Oct. 13 – Wednesday, U.S. Navy Est. 1775.
Oct. 15 – Friday, VTD Annual Golf Tournament.
Oct. 17 – Sunday, Rampart Benefit Poker Run, Elysian Park, 0800-0930.
Oct. 19 – Tuesday, Police Post 381, 6:00 p.m., Panorama Post 817.
Oct. 23 – Saturday, Beirut Terrorist Attack, 1983.
Oct. 24 – Sunday, Griffith Park, 33rd Sidecar Rally.
Oct. 25 – Monday, Charge of the Light Brigade, 1854.
Oct. 27 – Wednesday, Navy Day.
Oct. 28 – Thursday, Royal Marines, 1664.
Oct. 29 – Friday, Julie Ann Leonard's Birthday.
Oct. 31 – Sunday, Halloween.

Our Brothers Still Missing

Many of our brothers who served in the Armed Forces of this great country are unable to enjoy the freedom and liberty which their sacrifices helped to secure. Pause for a few moments to remember those brave souls who have not returned home yet. Don't ever forget them! POW/MIA. Semper Fi! "J.J."

up and coming 75th Anniversary Celebration.

In May of 1005, the Post will celebrate its 75th anniversary. We are starting to have the committee meetings in preparation of the May event. If you are interested in being involved, please call me at (626) 287-1616. You can also contact the Post Adjutant **Frank Ortiz** at (626) 331-4271. I hope all members of the Post will support this historic event. We will be keeping you informed in future *Blue Line* articles.

I would like to report the Post was very well represented at the funeral services for fellow Legionnaire **Michael J. Regan**. Mike was a veteran of World War II and a member of LAPD having joined the Department January, 1941. Drafted in 1942, he returned to the Department after the war and retired in 1958. His activities and support of our Post through the years will not be forgotten. Mike truly was a great American.

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For the President,

JAMES T. CONWAY

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COMMANDING GENERAL, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

BEYOND THE BADGE



In October, 2003, officers of the Metropolitan Division Mounted Platoon became aware of a blood and platelet donation program at the City of Hope Cancer Treatment Center in Duarte, California.

In exchange for their blood donations, Mounted officers received vouchers, which were collected and redeemed for child admission passes to Knott's Berry Farm. On Wednesday, June 9, mounted officers accompanied a group of students from the Ninth Street Elementary School in the "skid row"/homeless mission sector of

downtown Los Angeles to Knott's Berry Farm. The children selected were nicknamed the "Metro Mini Mounties" for the field trip.

Metro Mounted would like to thank the City of Hope Cancer Treatment Center, Central Area Captain **Joseph Rubert**, Newton Area Captain **Sean Kane**, Los Angeles 14th District Councilmember **Antonio Villaraigosa**, and the **Los Angeles Police Protective League** whose gracious support made our community outreach program possible.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



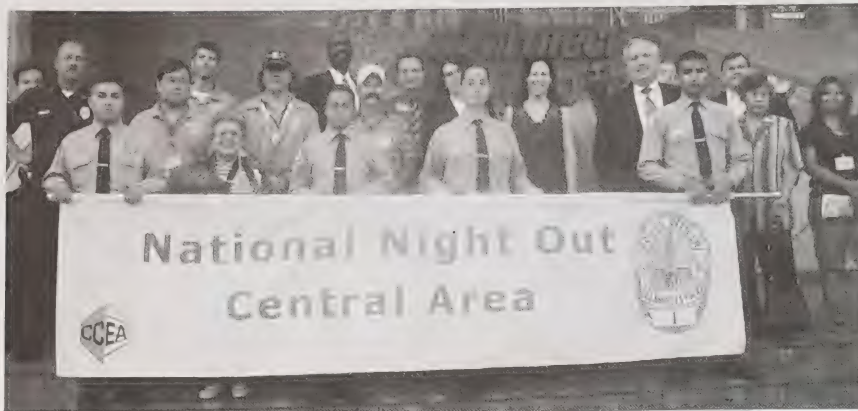
by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

I would like to apologize for neglecting to write anything for the *Blue Line* for the month of September. I was busy getting ready for my long vacation and time just got away from me.

National Night Out/Open House

On Tuesday, August 3rd, the Central Community Relations Office in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters hosted their annual National Night Out event. National Night Out was combined with Central Area's Open House and Barbecue. Activities for this event consisted of kids print, distribution of gunlocks, and a walk against crime through the downtown area with both area and patrol captains. Over 50 community members and volunteers participated in this event.

I would like to thank all Central Area



Volunteers, Explorers, and Community Members at National Night Out.

personnel for their hard work and efforts, which made this event a huge success. A barbecue was provided on that day to all Central personnel courtesy of the Police Boosters.

Gun Locks Available

Gunlocks are available through the Community Relations Office for all officers and community members. It would be appreciated if you would pass on this information to community members in your area. The Gunlocks are free to person's 21 years of age or older. Each recipient must sign a liability waiver and may be provided with several gunlocks at one time. If you would like further information, please contact Officer **Marie Kardiban** at 972-1876.

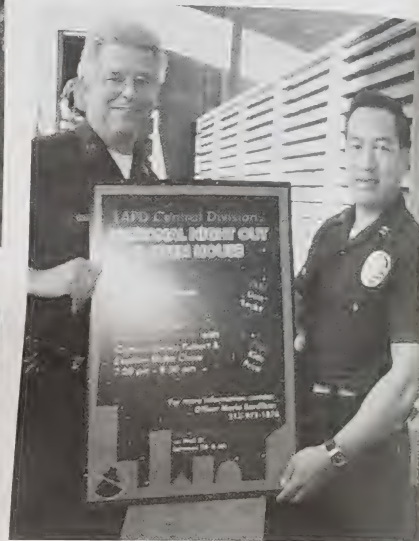


Emily Gayle Evans, born January 20, 2004.

Congratulations!

To Sgt. **Richard Evans** and his wife, Allyn, on the birth of their beautiful

daughter, Emily Gayle Evans. Emily was born January 20, 2004. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. She joins her big brother, Ricky who is two years old.



Captains James Rubert and Blake Chow at National Night Out/Open House.

Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas party, which will be on Saturday, December 4th at the Downtown, Hyatt. If you should have any questions, please contact **Pricilla Chavez** in PSU, 972-1880.



by Jim Johnson
Juvenile Division

United States Marines stationed out of Camp Pendleton paid Juvenile Divi-



sion a visit and presented two awards to Juvenile Division inside Deputy Chief **Mike Hillmann's** office. Officer **Angel Vega** of Juvenile Division received a military medal and Juvenile Division was presented with a plaque of appreciation. USMC Captain Chadwick, Lt. Harris, Lt. Van Haute, Lt. Heredia, MS.GT. Rodriguez, Sgt. Marquez, W/O I Curadro, and Cpl. Davis presented to

Officer Angel Vega a medal of commendation for his bravery while under enemy fire. Officer Vega received the "Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal" (With Combat Distinguishing Device). Officer Vega is a Marine Corps Reserve Gunnery Sergeant. Vega served in Iraq for one year, away from his family, and friends, and co-workers.

Vega was assigned as the team chief

of the Human Intelligence Exploitation Team II Counter Intelligence. During the months from March through August of 2003, Gunnery Sergeant Vega's Team came under enemy fire many times. Vega executed a plan of counter intelligence, along with surveillance, which ultimately improved their mission's accomplishments. Congratulations Angel, we at Juvenile Division are proud

of you and glad you're home safe.

Pictured with the Marines Ofer. **Tonya Wyatt-Mulligan**, Det. **Greg Stahr**, Ofer. **Angel Vega**, Lt. **Ruben Sanchez**, Lt. **Emmanuel Hernandez**, and Det. **Kevin Coffey**.

Det. **Mark Sommer** celebrated his birthday with friends; from left to right, Ofer. **Marlo Lopez Del Haro**, Ofer. **Sherry McKinney**, SCT. **Adeline Martinez**, Mark (in the white shirt with the cake), Ofer. **Connie Guerrero**, Lt. **Rubin Sanchez**, Det. **Alex Rosales**, Det. **Roger Gayhart**, (2nd row) Det. **Kevin Coffey**, Lt. **Emmanuel Hernan-**



dez, Ofer. **Karen Wright**, and Ofer. **Jim Johnson** (is taking the photo).

Outs:

Juvenile Division would like to wish the best to two fine detectives who are transferring to FID, Det. **Oscar Lopez** and Det. **Philip Cortes** both will be missed.

The World Class Police Department LAPD RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Section

Recently officers went down to MCRD, Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. While there, we under-

have approximately 300 to 375 officers retiring this fiscal year and the city of Los Angeles only has enough in the fiscal budget to replace those officers. It is estimated that the city might have a budget to hire 30 officers. Please pass on this important information to your fellow officers and potential candidates. In addition, we will be having a June academy class of about 60 recruits.

Reserves

We will be concentrating on hiring approximately 200 Line Reserve Police Officers this year. This, hopefully, will



went strenuous training (communication skills and professional selling skills), which included classroom presentations, late night studying P.T. runs and there written tests. Needless to say that Marines are hard core, and we definitely gained some valuable knowledge from the Corps on recruiting candidates.

Pictured from right to left in casual clothing are Officers Chris Porter, Ryan White, Siamone Bangphraxay, Hannah Lee, Frank Preciado and Mark Horton.

FYI

Although we have slowed down our hiring practices, we are hiring to attrition. What that means is that we will

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First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt Chuck Mealey
Communications Division

Summer Picnic Big Splash

The Communications Division picnic was held at Hurricane Harbor Water



Sgt. Charles Dempsey and family enjoy a day at the picnic.



Sgt. Greg Doyle, Senior PSR's Steve Kuhn, Sandra Rennie, and Hugo Mendoza soak up the sun.

Park on September 14. Over 650 families and guests enjoyed the day with food, fun, and slides.

False Alarm Calls

As you all know we currently dispatch only to "verified" burglary alarms after two false alarm calls within a 12-month period. After two false alarms, the call is

"broadcast and filed" A unit may or may not have picked up the call. Currently, the City False Alarm System (FAS) computer tracks false alarms and updates the Communications computers on a weekly basis. For example, if there were 6 false alarms at the same location on a given day it would not appear as "excessive false alarms" on the Communications

dispatch computer until the following week. (Several units have said "we just handled three false alarms today at location -why is it not being shown as excessive false alarms?") As of September 21, the FAS will now update the police computers every weekday.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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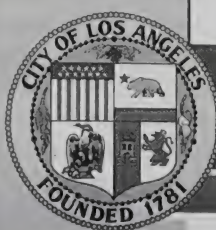
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Sergeant Urrutia
Central Traffic Division

Well, hello there. It's been a while since anything was written about CTD in the past few months. So here we go with the most updated news I can bring you.

Officer **Anna Garza** has returned to the CTD training unit after giving birth to her first baby (a girl) and is diligently working with Officer **Jimmy Martinez** on putting out the training orders once again.

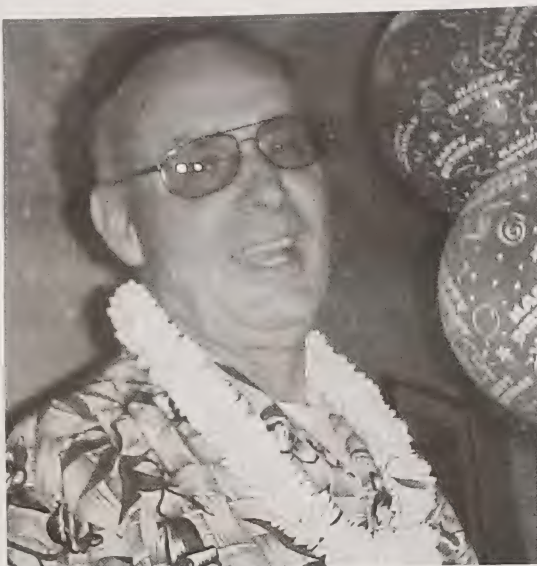
Welcome back to Sgt. **Jackie Boyer** after a long absence.

Now I don't know what you'd think of an officer coming to work on his birthday, but all I can do is admire the man. On August 7, 2004, Officer **Tom Fox** celebrated his 67th birthday by working with the CTD reserves on a Pedestrian Sting Operation in Hollenbeck Area. After the conclusion of the ped sting, Tom was taken to Palermo's restaurant in Northeast by his friends and family for a proper B-day celebration. Tom kept insisting he no longer had birthdays, only accomplishments. (Ya,

sure, Tom.) For those that don't know Tom, he was a line reserve for 22 years and a sworn officer now for ten. (Do the math.)

CTD's first picnic in as many years will be held at the Old Academy on September 18. Thanks for putting on the event go to Sgts. **Kaskowitz, Liggett, Nugez and Boyer**. Thanks also to Officer **Norma Vargas**, to **Bobbie and Mary** of the Captain's office for their hard work in the event.

The 9th Annual Cops for Tots Auto Show is coming up on November 7 this year, so keep your calendars open. For those wishing to enter vehicles in the



show, I suggest you start calling CTD CTCSU Officer **Belmonte** at (213) 972-1863 and get your applications.

By the way, happy belated birthday wishes to **Mike** on his birthday, August 20.

If you are a vendor, don't waste time, start calling also and reserve your spot.

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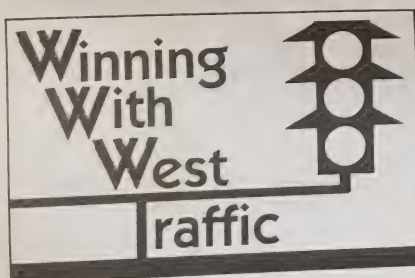
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NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

This month we focus on our fabulous Community Traffic Safety Unit, and employee commendations.

First off, CTCSU: Officers **Pat Beigh-**



CTSU Mural at Paul Revere Middle School.

ley #17550 and **Bob Williamson** #20527 orchestrated the "Operation Right Move" press event and static display held at the Grove in Wilshire Divi-

sion. Also the "Traffic Safety Mural Project" was completed with WTD receiving second place with Revere Middle School. Both events were held to instill more traffic safety awareness, to inspire responsible walking, cycling, driving, and subsequently to enhance the quality of life in each community. (see photo of mural). The officers also continue to present "Getting to School the Safe Way" classes to WTD elementary schools and during the summer months at LA City Parks and Rec summer camps, and also Anti-DUI education with the Sober Graduation presentations for West Bureau High Schools.

Officers **Tim Scully, Pete Acosta** and **Mike Goldstein** are continually involved in the passenger safety seat education classes and installation checkups. Officer **Leonard Johnson** is our fabulous school car on two wheels, and the rest of the crew focuses on specific problems and radar speed surveys. Thanks to **Hilton Henry, Joe Taylor, Tim Rolsen, Jerry Siel, Chris Smythe,**

AC Henry, Steve Redd, and Joe Polack. Mike Davis, Angie Sidlinger, and Sgt. **Rich Harper** are the backbone to the Captain and assist with COMSTAT,

community meetings, and miscellaneous admin. Thanks guys for a job well done!

Secondly, commendations: Several WTD employees have been commended by the community within the past few months. Congrats go to Sgt. **Garry McQueen**, Reserve Officer **David Akazawa**, P2+2 **John Lawrence**, P2+2 **Mike Toth**, P2 **Christine Bulicz**, P2 **Jesse Maldonado**, P2 **Jorge Torres**, P2 **Robert Lewis**, P2 **Tom Ducey**, P2 **Oswaldo Castillo**, P2+2 **Leon Good**, and P2 **Joanne Anthony**.

A special commendation goes to P2 **Robert Powers** #34599 who was conducting a follow up on a hit and run investigation. While searching for the suspect he came upon an unconscious man lying on the ground near his residence after falling due to medical difficulties from a recent liver transplant. An ambulance was immediately requested by Powers and the victim was transported to Cedars Hospital. Medical staff there determined that if Officer Powers had not conducted a thorough search at the scene, the victim would have succumbed to his life threatening condition. Way to go Bob!

Lastly, an anniversary – but

not just any anniversary. How about 41 years on the job? Yep – Sgt. 2+2 **Donald Harris** #11625. Yes that is the correct serial number – he's currently 8th on the Department wide seniority list. Don was appointed to LAPD on August 5, 1963. Geez half of us weren't even born yet. We're told he celebrated his class anniversary by looking in the mirror, then he hopped on the Beemer and rode in to work. He's maintained an impeccable uniform appearance since his days way back at CTD, then to TCS, and now at WTD. Glad to have you here Sarg! (see photo)



Don Harris with Captain Baca.

More Divisional Reporter on page 34



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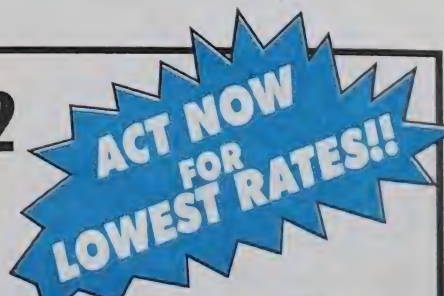


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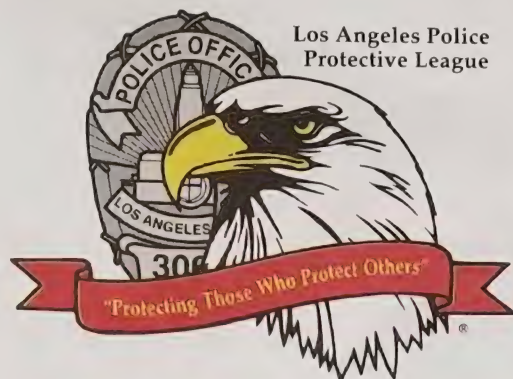
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The Thin Blue Line

Blue Support for the Los Angeles County Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative

Although no one actually jumps up and down for increased taxes, we are supporting the Los Angeles County Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative and we urge you do to the same. Our yes vote is not an enthusiastic endorsement of higher taxes. Instead, it is recognition that "you can't get something for nothing."

A "YES" for the initiative, which will be Measure A on the November ballot, provides funding that is missing and critical to the future of our Department. The initiative provides that all—one hundred percent—of the proceeds would go towards public safety improvements, including funding to pay for 5000 more uniformed police officers and sheriff's deputies.

This funding would start to bring our Department into the 21st century, with an anticipated \$164 million in directly allocated LAPD funds, and \$11 million to fund the development of a new 911 system. While raising taxes may not be the most pleasant way to accomplish this goal, there are no alternative sources of revenue. Given our cash-strapped city budget, it seems to be the best we can do now—and it is crucial that we take action now, before terrorism strikes, crime becomes more entrenched, and our jobs become riskier.

The initiative attempts to fund all aspects of the criminal justice system, so that we don't just arrest more people only to see them walk out the door without a corresponding prosecution. The initiative provides \$50 million to the county jails, \$20 million for the hiring of more prosecutors and \$14 million for the probation and public defender offices. In addition to funding LAPD with \$164 million, the measure would allocate \$256 million for 87 other cities in Los Angeles County as well as provide public safety funds for unincorporated areas.

Unlike Proposition 172, a 1993 sales tax increase for public safety that was undermined when city funding was reduced to compensate for the tax revenues, this initiative has a "maintenance of efforts" clause. This means that funding levels cannot dip below their 2003-2004 levels, and that all monies must go to fund new expenditures. In subsequent years, the funding can go to the positions created in the first year of the program. The initiative is not an "unfunded mandate" in that it guarantees funding for all of the positions created. The initiative mandates accountability measures for the funding, including the creation of an oversight committee to work with the County Auditor-Controller. The oversight committee will also ensure that the funds go to support new expenditures.

While the initiative does not technically expire, the Board of Supervisors will have the ability to vote out the tax in eight years and to phase it out three years later. In order to be approved, the measure will need to be approved by a two-thirds majority of County voters. Please tell your friends and families that this initiative is a good deal for the LAPD, and that we should vote "YES" on Measure A.

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FACT SHEET

- Los Angeles County has 10 million residents, served by 23,000 police officers and deputy sheriffs; compare with New York City, which has 7 million residents and over 40,000 police officers.
- The threat of terrorist attacks has put enormous pressure on local law enforcement. When the federal government in Washington, DC increases the alert level, local police resources are diverted away from neighborhood patrols. The federal government has mandated the increased enforcement for national security reasons, but provided no additional resources to assist with increased demand or to help support maintenance-of-effort for neighborhood patrols.
- Budget cuts have resulted in the closing of two jail facilities. As a result, criminals are being released early from L.A. County jails, with some criminals now only serving 10% of their sentence.
- This Public Safety and Homeland Security Tax Act includes the entire Los Angeles County law enforcement community. This proposition is the first step in providing a stable long term funding source for local law enforcement, with an emphasis

on the following areas:

- Additional personnel for law enforcement, local anti-terrorism, homeland security, intelligence gathering, and "first response" capabilities for extraordinary emergencies.
- Communications and specialized equipment for law enforcement personnel throughout Los Angeles County, including independent cities, and support resources required for regional and county-wide "Mutual Aid" effectiveness.
- Expansion of inter-agency coordination and standardized training for public safety, local anti-terrorism homeland security, intelligence gathering, and "first response" capabilities (Emergency Operations Center-EOC Terrorism Early Warning).
- Funds also may be used to maintain, improve, and expand sworn law enforcement for the County emergency/disaster operations, crime investigations and basic public safety services, expanded role of community-oriented policing, local anti-terrorism and intelligence gathering, emergency response and related training and preparedness.



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On November 2nd support Measure A: Los Angeles County Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative.

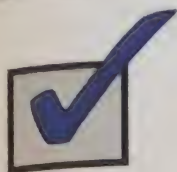
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Division	Director(s) Assigned	Division	Director(s) Assigned
Central	Mitzi Grasso	Pacific	Ted Hunt
Central Traffic	Mitzi Grasso	Rampart	Peter Repovich
Devonshire	Tim Sands	77th	Luther Lutz
Foothill	Peter Repovich	Southeast	Corina Lee
Harbor	Corina Lee	South Traffic	Ted Hunt
Hollenbeck	Luther Lutz/ Mitzi Grasso	Southwest	Corina Lee
Hollywood	Paul Weber	Valley Traffic	Ted Hunt
Metro	Luther Lutz	Van Nuys	Tim Sands
Newton	Cliff Ruff	West Los Angeles	Bob Baker
Northeast	Mitzi Grasso	West Traffic	Ted Hunt
North Hollywood	Cliff Ruff	West Valley	Paul Weber
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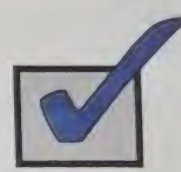
Protecting Our Members

	August 2004	Year to Date
Roll Outs	9	79
Claims opened in League Legal Claims Unit	92	945
Boards of Rights assigned	4	68
Grievances opened	3	41
Grievances closed	1	28
Total grievances open	38	—
Open Meet and Confers	1	17
One hour legal referrals	36	289



LAPPL Endorsements

November 2, 2004 - General Election



State Assembly

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Propositions - LA County

- ☐ Measure A **Support**

Propositions - Statewide

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prop 67 | Oppose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prop 69 | Support |

LA County Superior Court

- ☐ Patrick David Campbell, Office 18
- ☐ Gus Gomez, Office #29
- ☐ Laura F. Priver, Office #52
- ☐ Judith Levy Myer, Office #69
- ☐ Daniel Zeke Zeidler, Office 53

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Los Angeles Police Protective League's Statement Regarding Today's Comments by Bernard Parks

LOS ANGELES (September 8, 2004)—In response to today's comments by Bernard Parks, Los Angeles Police Protective League President Bob Baker issued the following statement today:

The only thing worse than having too many chiefs in the kitchen is having forcibly deposed ex-police chiefs trying to dictate current police department policy. In this case, embittered former Police Chief Bernard Parks is attempting to once again run the LAPD under the not-to-transparent guise of having the police department provide him with long-term solutions for crime in his council district.

Of course, Parks misses the irony of the request. Had he been at all effective in the years he served as Police Chief, then the department would be currently implementing the "long-term solutions" he proposed as chief. It is unclear if Parks' latest ploy is an admission that he never came up with any long-term solutions, or an admission that the solutions he came up with were failures.

Since the implementation of flexible work schedules, the LAPPL has been encouraged about the positive benefits these schedules bring to the LAPD and the city of Los Angeles. The fact is that flexible work schedules increase the number of officers patrolling our streets are cost neutral to the city and have been proven to aid in recruitment and retention efforts.

The reason why Bernard Parks is no longer police chief is because he lacked the vision and the leadership skills to be chief. It is time for Parks to drop his personal vendetta against the LAPD, the command staff that replaced him, and the officers who uniformly distrusted him.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

National Night Out/ Honoring a Hero

Each year members of the Northeast Division put together the National Night Out. This year the event took place on August 3rd at the Police Museum in Highland Park. Prior to the event Sgt **Parsquarel** brought to my attention that we had a hero among us and he believed the hero should have been honored. He was right. So, members of CRO and Training Unit got together and made a few phone calls. The mayor's office and council members office even got involved. The GED unit pulled together and bought an airline ticket and flew in our hero's dad. Well, the story leads to our hero, Officer **Tom DeLuccia**.

Did you all read the front article of your Blue Line last month? I really hope so; the article regarding Officer Tom DeLuccia was outstanding. In a nutshell, Tom went to Iraq as a Staff



Northeast employees, working hard or hardly working the Explorer Challenge.

Sergeant. He was involved in many Brigades and Task Force operations. While assisting in Operation Iraqi Freedom Tom had to make choices we could only imagine in the movies. Tom's involvement earned him the Bronze Star. Tom was given this medal during National Night Out along with many other awards. Tom we are all very proud of you and glad to have you home.

Additionally, our thoughts go out to all the others still in Iraq. If you have any old or new books or magazines please donate them in the box provided in the lunchroom. The reading material is being sent to our soldiers by a local business.

Traders and Invaders

Leaving us is PII **Mattison** left to Newton, and PII **Espinoza** left to West

Valley. Sgt **Matsumoto** left out NOE Vice and is not at PSB. PII **Marioneaux** is now in STD, PII **Zelaya** is in VTD, and PII **Ocampo** moved to Wilshire along with PII **Vasquez**. See ya later traders, good luck to all of you.

Invading our sweet little division is PII **Davis**, PII **Solley**, and PII **Corwin** from Van Nuys. P-II **Potts** is coming from West Valley, PII **Sanchez** from Foothill, PII **Fujiwara** from Rampart, and PII

Ware is from the great Southwest. Welcome to all of you. Remember, if you work out in the weight room, put the weights away after use!

The case of Goldilocks and the K9

A citizen had returned home and found the suspect laying on his sofa and talking on the phone. The victim's shoes were removed and on the kitchen floor, his mail was scattered and some odd green leafy substance was on a chair. He confronted the suspect and then left to notify the police. Five minutes later the suspect fled the location. A neighbor informed the officers she had previously observed three men at the house after they had pulled a vehicle into the driveway and behind a closed gate. The suspect left the vehicle at the location

when he fled on foot.

Officer **Honor** and Officer **Giego** responded to a Burglary call. Officer Honor received the information from the victim and put out a crime broadcast. Officers **Siguenas** and **Loera** were also responding to the call when they observed a man fitting the description given in the broadcast. The suspect hid behind a bush. As the officer approached him, the suspect began to run from the officers and jumped a fence. The officer put up a perimeter and began to search for the suspect. Metro K9 officers **Holmstrom**, **Almarez** and **Goosby** responded to the location along with K9 **Oscar**. Oscar took the team on a search and located the suspect hiding in bushes. The suspect grabbed Oscar by his collar and refused to let go. The suspect began to yell, "It's my dog, it's my baby, come on, it's my baby!" Officer **Almarez** believed the suspect to be under the influence of narcotic and feared for Oscar's safety. **Almarez** deployed the taser and distributed a two second burst. The suspect then growled and rose to his hands and knees. **Almarez** again deployed the taser and the suspect was taken safely into police custody. Officer **Utley** completed a field show-up with the victim where the suspect was positively identified.

The outstanding teamwork and communications lead to the arrest of a dangerous criminal. Great job!



by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

You Want That Delivered

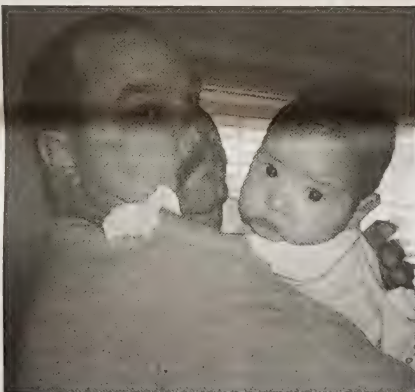
On August 19th, Detective **Rick Tamez**, the Newton SPU OIC, received information that electronics were being purchased via the internet using stolen credit cards. The merchandise was to be driven to an address in Gardena. A plan was developed to use SPU officers to deliver the newly purchased items.

On August 20th, Officers **Jason Leikam** and **Aaron Pomeroy** (Yes, the past interim chief's son with the bird legs) delivered the items to the suspect, who quickly accepted the electronics and signed the paperwork. The suspect was subsequently arrested for grand theft. He claimed to be a Gardena gang member and had been involved in this illegal scheme for the previous six months.

Congratulations go out to all of the involved Special Problems Unit personnel: Detective **Rick Tamez**, Officers **Jason Leikam**, **Aaron Pomeroy**, **Marco Briones**, **Rogelio Sandoval**, and **James "Mike" Bland** for a job well done.

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

The Homicide D3 **Kelle Baitx** is a proud first-time grandfather. The baby, **Elijah Magic Wiley** was born a few



Kelle Baitx and grandson, Elijah, discuss clues to solve latest homicide.

months ago and has been Kelle's best buddy ever since. Kelle, you can thank **Delia** for the photo and information. Surprise!

Adios to a Great Detective

We recently lost an OUTSTANDING detective to the revitalized Force Investigation Division (formerly Critical Incident Investigation Division). Detective II **Gregory McKnight** gathered his belongings and saddled up for his new assignment. Greg has been a mainstay in Newton Homicide and has solved more cases than most people could imagine. Greg was the organizer of the last two Newton

Challenge Cup Relay teams and his services will truly be missed. Take care and be safe.

Dave and Mike are at it Again

Information was received recently that a murder suspect from a 1993 Franklin County, California, shooting was hiding out in Newton. Officers **Dave Nunn** and **Mike Terrazas**, who have arrested numerous murder suspects, were given the task to develop information on the suspect. The officers completed the follow-up and verified the suspect's identity and residence.



Rick Tamez with murder suspect's stash of marijuana.



Rick Tamez, Rogelio Sandoval, Jason Leikam, James "Mike" Bland, Marco Briones, and Aaron Pomeroy.

With the help of the Special Problems Unit, the suspect was arrested and a search was conducted of the residence. Marijuana was located in the house and seized. The suspect admitted to the 1993 shooting and possession of the dope.

OK, More "You Might Be a Newton Cop" Stuff

If you worked with the Black Prince and remember his name, you might be a Newton cop. (Thanks to the B.P. for this one)

If you worked for the original Pacman (not you, Tony) you might be a Newton cop.

If you ever fell asleep in the old downstairs cot room, your partner took an early out, and you woke up in the middle of the next watch after your EOW, you might be a Newton cop (Thanks to B.C. for this one).

If you went to Code 7 and after returning, someone had used fishing line to rig your siren, light, etc., to go off upon opening the door, you might be a Newton cop. (Thanks B.C.)

If you ever "righteously" took a "jumped on" report, you might be a Newton cop (Thanks B.C.)

If you ever had to "buy back" your gun from the sandwich machine, you might be a Newton cop. (Again, thanks B.C.)

If you ever called in for a "Whisky T/O", you might be a Newton cop.

If you turned the TV sound up while watching a silent movie, you might be a Newton cop.

If you wore holes in your shoes from draggin' your feet, you might be a Newton cop.

Finally, if you use your weekly pill dispenser to let you know what day it is, you might be a Newton cop.

You can reach me at lwehage@aol.com

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

"Good morning, West L.A. detectives. How may I direct your call?" "Is Todd Schmitz there?" "Todd Schmitz?" "Is he here?" No, he's not here; he's in Hawaii. That rat won the grand prize trip at the beach party!" Actually Todd is: (a) not a rat; in fact, he's a very nice guy; (b) the winner of the trip to Hawaii. Our camera crew was able to catch up to Todd and get a few words from him. He said, "I am very, very grateful that I won the trip. It was an outstanding beach party and they keep on getting better every year. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to put the party together." Aloha, Todd!

Also, congratulations to all the others who won, including **Jorge Torres** who really cleaned up, what with Shaq's jersey, a TV, etc., etc. It was a great time, complete with jambalaya, shrimp, more shrimp, burgers, links, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and dessert. Thank you to all who helped organize the party! **Susan Quan**, **Scrappy Scallon**, and **Dennis Hinman** were in charge of the raffle prizes and several kids lined up to draw the tickets out of the box. Quicksilver tow employees were on hand for the festivities and luckily they did not have to tow any cars. Sgt. **Mims** made is usual stylish appearance, although this year's ensemble was not quite as bizarre as last year's. However, he could be seen from miles away due to the Day-Glo orange hue of his Hawaiian shirt. By the way, Sgt. **Mims**, BSS is lookin' for you...



Scrappy, Jr. and friends



Maria Ceja, Flo Johnson and Gail Russell with family and friends.

Now on to other news. A farewell luncheon was held recently for **Jim Willis** who left to go to FID. We miss him already, as he was a joy to work with and smart as a whip. He used to burst into song every once in a while and was known for his unusual sock collection, that and a few bowties. I'm sure he will go far in his new endeavor.

Yag tar helruh in kutlett (or, in English, I'd rather have a pork chop!). That, and many others, are phrases **Lowell Ferreira** will have to learn, as he will soon be moving to Sweden, land of pork chops and Swedish meatballs! His wife is Swedish and this will be the opportunity of a lifetime for Lowell and his family. He plans to go to school and learn the language and his goal is to work for the Swedish/American Embassy. We're sad already, and he has-

n't even left yet, but we're happy for this new upcoming adventure. Yah, you betcha.

Royal Barber is back from bonding leave and not a minute too soon as he is sorely needed to help out with the burglary cases since Willis left to go downtown. He enjoyed time with his new baby but said he is ready to get back at it. Meanwhile, it's October so Happy Halloween, everyone.

West L.A. is the best kept secret in the police department, although several have to brave the 405, 10, 14 and other freeways to get here. One here, they are able to sample a little bit of paradise as well as Starbucks on almost every corner and any kind of food you would care to eat. The weather is never too hot and never too cold, so perhaps some of you detectives out there might want to put in a transfer and come and join us! (Officers, too.) It's been reported that one of the surfers in the group has been able to hit the waves from time to time. So, we promise to make your stay worthwhile, and we have the best command staff in the police department.

As far as incoming and outgoing of personnel, P2s **A. Cordova** went to DSD, **J. Snow** to Southwest, and **R. Lisenby** to VTD. No one transferred in this time around, but I'm sure they will be coming soon, especially when they find out what they have been missing

out on.

Summer vacations have come and gone, but the memories linger on, including the visit I took recently to the Smithsonian American History Museum in Washington, D.C. The first thing I saw upon entering the building was a giant American flag hanging from the top of the wall in the lobby. The plaque next to the flag told the story- this was the very flag that was suspended from the top of the Pentagon the day after the



The Pentagon Flag.

9/11 attacks. It was breathtaking, awe-inspiring, and a reminder of the battle against terrorism that is still waging in the world. We will win the win, it is only a matter of time.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Sgt Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

DEVONSHIRE PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT SOLVES BIG CAPER

On June 29, 2004, a burglary occurred in the northern part of the Division. The suspects took jewelry,



credit cards, firearms, and the cremated remains of a recently departed LAPD Van Nuys Division Detective. Of course you know this meant war! Devonshire Area as well as Valley Bureau wasted no time in turning loose the elite Devonshire Property Crimes Unit on those who committed this dastardly deed.

The Unit is made up of some of the

finest officers in Devonshire Division. They were chosen for their superior investigative skills and tenacity. Led by Sergeant **Bruce Vermaat**, the officers who make up the Unit are Officer **Marc Diamond**, Officer **Haissam Sabra**, Officer **Ignacio Murillo**, Officer **David Swanson**, Officer **Eric Coffey**, and Officer **Bryan Dameworth**. Sergeant Vermaat and his crew worked long hours and focused themselves with grim determination. An important break in the case occurred when an unknown female attempted to use the victim's stolen credit card at the Northridge Fashion Center. Surveillance cameras caught the female awaiting approval of the transaction. When she was asked to provide additional identification, she suddenly

fled the scene. The unknown woman did not remain unknown for long. The Property Crimes Unit combed the streets until they found the female desperado. The female was charged for Receiving Stolen Property and subsequently snitched on her fellow criminals. Exemplary investigative work paid off. It resulted in the surveillance of the

criminals responsible for the burglary. As Officer Swanson and Officer Murillo followed them, they attempted to flee but ended up crashing on the freeway. With all the players in custody, the work now focused on recovering the remains of the detective. Using "tactical verbalization", also known as talking jive, the men of the Property Crimes Unit were able to recover the stolen property including the Detective's ashes. "The Unit" is seen in the picture. From left to right are Swanson, Sabra, Dameworth, Sgt. Vermaat, Diamond, Coffey, and Murillo.

In addition to the long hours that Sergeant Vermaat and his officers put in, one must not forget the superb follow-up investigative work that some of our Super Sleuths put in. They are Detective III **Michael Stangland**, Detective II **Janice Thomas**, Detective II **Darcie Cobos**, Detective I **Martin Bertsch**, Detective I **Sandra Lee**, and Detective I **Edward Derroh**.

The men and women involved in this case proved that Devonshire has some of the best officers and detectives in the city. These aren't just pretty words. The proof is in the quality work they do on an every day basis.

OFFSPRING OF THE COUNT

Not long ago, Officer **Robert "The Count" Chavira** and his wife Rachel had a beautiful baby girl. Not one to just keep hanging upside down in his closet at end of watch when the sun comes up, Officer Chavira was busy last August trying to multiply. No, I don't mean he was working on his Masters Degree in math. The Count needed a son to carry on the bloodline. So it was that on May 6, 2004, Mathew Chavira was born at, you guessed it, 0247 hours. The Count was at work when the call came in and he literally flew home. In the picture, we see Natalie and her new baby brother Mathew. Natalie is all smiles for the



camera but Mathew seems to have balled up his fists and taken a fighting stance.

Breaking Baby News

Just as the Blue Line articles were completed and sent in, I got a "stop the press" message. It now seems like even our new officers are getting into the baby act. That's good because by the



time they retire, their little ones will be big and out of the house.

Born to Officer **Rodginald Cayette** and his wife Melissa is this little bundle of joy. Their baby girl is named Payton Rose Cayette. She was born on April 13, 2004, and as we can see in the picture, she's all smiles for the camera.

PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning Research Division

H & G's (hi's and good-byes)

An almost welcome back occurred on September 1st. Officer **Steve Crawford** was due to return from military duty in the Middle East, but a last minute change postponed the celebration. Hopefully by the time this issue is published, Steve will be reading it from his own home sweet home.

My Bad

Not too long ago, I received an anonymous call from Sergeant II **Mark Kelly** reminding me that he too successfully completed the Westpoint Leadership Program. Belated congratulations to you.

Other Stuff

PRD - westside personnel, realizing

that we're here indefinitely due to the absence of transfer opportunities or promos, decided to refurbish a small gym in the dank basement of our building. Within a few weeks, the gym received a makeover and some slightly used equipment donated by individual officers. Morale in our office immediately went up and even the civilian staff has gotten the workout bug. Come the bench press competition on October 22nd, we will unleash the Admin **Power Pogues**. I hope the other teams are ready for a showdown.

Flat badges are finally here and they're not too shabby. Just think, flat badges, compact handguns, and coming soon, mini flashlights...pretty soon we'll be able to lose the Sam Browne for larger pockets.

Hair we go folks. From new colors to new lengths, eastside to westside, hairstyles are changing around here. Maybe it's equivalent to the leaves during fall.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to newly married couple **Sophia** and **JR Runyon**. Oh, how sweet!

Mr Olympia-ish

You don't need to go to Athens to come back with medals. Officer **Troy**

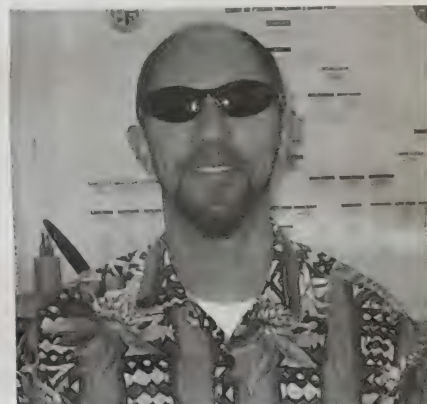


Troy's Medals.

Collins captured a total of six at the recent International Police and Fire Games in Nevada. Troy won gold for discus and the 4x100 relay; silver in freestyle wrestling and javelin; and bronze in the long jump and shot put. Checkout the photo.

Sleeping Giant

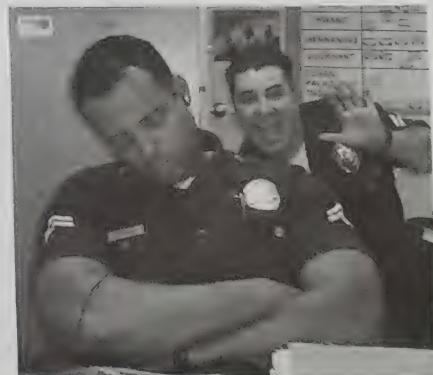
Shhh, someone's taking a little nap...on Code-7 of course.



W. Mann.

Have You Seen This Man?

Study the photo of this semi-familiar face. It almost looks like a sergeant from westside that has been mysteriously absent for a few months. He's been known to loiter near restrooms and hangout at seedy bars. Hmmm...



Sleeping Giant.

Pacific Breeze

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
Pacific Division

Greetings Amigos!

It's the month of October. Football is in full swing. When I wrote this article, my fingers and toes were crossed at the possibility that our two local teams would be headed towards a freeway World Series. If I'm wrong, forgive me, but allow me to dream. Also, be generous to the little ghosts and goblins who will be trudging to your front door looking to load up their baskets with sweets and goodies.

Comings and Goings

Pacific Area will be losing Officer C. Garbarini who will mingle with the stars at Hollywood Division. Officer A. Rodriguez is a member of the Shootin' Newton crew. Officer D. Thompson is now down south in Southeast Division and Officer A. Rowe is patrolling

Southwest Division. Pacific Area extends a breezy welcome to Sgt. D. Adams and Sgt. C. McIntyre who have come west from 77th Division.

Incredible and True

Pacific Area has many fine, talented, outstanding, proactive, conscientious, hard-working, crime fighting, consent decree compliant police officers within these walls. I would like to highlight one of these individuals. Officer **Ron Smith** is quite soft spoken, respectful and unassuming. No one runs a kit room more efficiently than Officer Smith. Although I know his humility will not allow him to boast about his talents, I will do it for him. Allow me to elaborate.

Officer Smith, utilizing his talent of service, volunteered to help a friend in need. The friend asked Officer Smith if he wouldn't mind watering his uncle's yard while the friend's uncle was in the hospital. Officer Smith jumped at the opportunity to serve. The day to water came, and Officer Smith duly reported to the residence located just outside of Southeast Area. Officer Smith thoroughly watered the backyard, not leaving one spot dry. He then responded to the front yard to complete the job. This is where the story gets strange and you almost expect someone from "Candid

Camera" to pop out. An elderly female resident exits the front door of the residence. She is livid, spouting fire, wanting to know who this stranger is watering her yard. Officer Smith, utilizing his best department-approved verbal judo, tries to calm her down and explain what good deed he is engaged in. She is unable to believe a stranger would be engaged in watering her grass. Officer Smith's verbal judo is not taking its desired effect. The lady grabs the water hose from his grasp and is now advancing towards him. Officer Smith tactfully retreats. She continues on the offensive and is now letting him have it with the hose dousing him with steams of water. He flees to his vehicle and escapes to relative safety of his vehicle. Officer Smith is thoroughly confused, but upon review, and to his horror, realizes he was not at his friend's uncle's residence. He drives away as the lady, for good measure, squirts his vehicle with water. Shaken, trembling, and a definite candidate to suffer post-traumatic-watering-the-wrong-yard syndrome, I am pleased to announce that Officer Smith is back safe and sound operating the most efficient kit room in the city. Officer Smith will continue his good deeds but asks that no one request any lawn watering service.

Babies R' Us

Please refer to the photo, and you will observe a very special young lad who is the proud grandson of Sgt. **Cindy Hallford**. He goes by the name **Caleb Harkness**, and he has traveled one orbit around the sun. (He's a year old.)



Sgt. Cindy Hallford and Caleb.

Finally, don't forget your fellow brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call and spread some cheer their way.

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings, sports fans! Autumn splendor has arrived. It's been a long short summer recuperating from carpal tunnel surgery. Two hands are definitely better than one. Now let's see if I can work on my penmanship skills and catch up on the old and not so old news.

Welcome Back

Warm welcome to some faces we haven't seen in quite a while. Recently lifted off the injured reserve list are the new moms: **Mary Grace Weaver** and **Kelli Pickart**. Also back in the saddle again are **Marty Tension**, **Joe Witty**, **Sean Mulford**, "PacMan" **Bill Pack**, **Juan Reyes**, **Tony Samuelson**, **20B John Mead**, **Rich St.-Ludwig**.

Hooray at Last

Hundreds of folks turned out over the summer to honor three distinguished Metro Men who can disregard pulling their pins. Collectively, these gentlemen represent almost 100 years of law enforcement expertise. During their tenure, Metropolitan Division reached new prominence. Premier warriors of the now well-established Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, the canine unit and the 20th century cavalry. Their dignitary security details included former Presidents Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and current President George W. Bush, plus many high-level government officials and foreign dignitaries. Amongst their extensive list of details, notable duty included the 1971 and 1994 earthquakes, the 1987 Papal visit, 1984 Olympic Games, 1992 riots, L.A. Street Scene, Tate-LaBianca murders, William Bonin, foundation of the now defunct

CRASH Unit, SPLAT, Camp Snoopy and the Los Angeles Rams and the Los Angeles Raiders.

At the outrageously hilarious roast of P.O. III+1 **Ron Stamps**, #14335, recanting of true stories and jokes wasn't the only entertainment. The ingenious computer-generated Dragnet DVD episode profiling a 1970s era *Detective Stamps*, completely retro styled with a large Afro, and a super-wide lapel polyester suit was priceless! Kudos to the consummate host of the evening, **Laurence Martinez**. Even the croc-epidermis cud-kicker wearing barbecue grill master got warmed up checking out that clip.

During the farewell for Sensei, 20C **George Haines**, #17903, we learned the fine art of T/A reporting, proper PR-24 engagement and clinical knowledge of why it's not a good idea to volunteer for PT demonstrations involving carotid arteries. Looks like the former 20C pulled the pin just in time. He won't have to prepare a lost report for that Rubbermaid flashlight.

P.O. III+1 **Herman Warren**, #16316, blessed us not only with his presence and warm smile, but a very memorable 8X10 photograph of himself and the late former President Reagan. In addition to that unforgettable keepsake, vintage photographs of the former airman were plentiful. Early SWAT days capturing Herman rappelling from helicopters as well as C-pltn photo-ops from the riot days and as a young serviceman on duty in Vietnam circa 1963.

Three Metro icons not soon to be forgotten. Thank you to three of the best. Gentlemen, congratulations on your retirements. Best wishes for good health, success in all your future endeavors and living the great life as you see it.

Maternity Ward

Having a majority of youth within the division means babies, babies and grand-babies! Celebrating to the 3rd power are **Steve Jenkins** (C-pltn) and wife **Beth** (CTD). They are the very proud parents of **Ryan Michael**, 16.5 inches long, weighing in at 3 lbs., 2 oz.; **Kylie Beth**, 16 inches long, weighed in at 3 lbs., 2 oz.; and **Jane Kenzie**, 15 inch-

es long, weighing 3 lbs., 5 oz. The babes were born on June 5 and arrived home the week of July 13. All three babies are now weighing in between 8.5 lbs. And 9 lbs. Healthy, happy and growing.

On May 31, Mrs. **Holcombe** determined it would be best to leave the driving to someone else. Yvette and Randy welcomed Gabrielle Michelle to the fold. The precious bundle in pink weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Not to be left out of the mix, Head Vault Chief **Jim Moody** and wife Diane welcomed grandchildren #5 and #6 approximately 2.5 weeks apart. Arriving on August 6, Madeleine Olivia Gridley weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz. and measured 20 inches in



length. Her first cousin, Grace Gabriella Brehm, arrived on August 26 weighing in at 6.8 lbs. And measured 19.6 inches in length. Grandpa James advises both girls emerged perfectly and passed full gear inspection. Grandpa is now busy with the floor plans for tot-sized chateaus of pink scheduled for delivery via sleigh in December, 2009. Congratulations to all.

On a very sad note, I regret to report a death within our canine family. **Thunder** passed away on Wednesday, June 16, as a result of cancer. Thunder joined the department in March, 1997, and was assigned to K9-2 **Mike Goosby**. Imported from Holland, Thunder was fully certified on July 30, 1997. He conducted

608 searches, which resulted in the apprehension of 206 suspects. Mike and Thunder's teamwork included numerous searches for outstanding weapons and missing persons. Our condolences to Mike, his family, and the members of the K9 Unit.

Out of Sight But Not Out of Mind

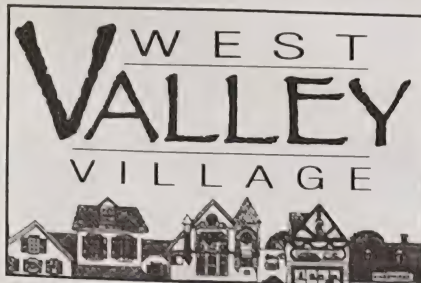
Wishing a speedy recovery to retired Metro Man **Bob Guzman**. Get well soon and hurry back. Shout-outs to **Mark Storti**, **J. P. Franklin**, **Steve Groover**, **John Jenal**, **Ed Arneson**, **Steve Weaver**, **Ken Thatcher, Jr.**, **Mike Baker** and **Gail Beebe**.

Hello out there to the Marines of Metro: **Curtis Lawson** and **Bill Casey**. You are always with us in spirit. We salute your valor and dedication in the preservation of our liberty.

Until next time, R-10girl, clear.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Thomas Mason
West Valley Village

Several officers from West Valley Area have made a significant impact on auto theft during the last year. The following officers have qualified to receive the prestigious CHP/AAA 10851 Pin Award. The officers qualified by making a certain number of arrests for either 487(D) PC, Grand Theft Auto (GTA) of 10851, VC, Taking a vehicle without owner's consent, during 2003.

Officer **Todd Booth**, 31478, had twelve separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of twelve suspects. This is Todd's first award. Officer **Scott Crowe**, 27762, had six separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of six suspects. This is Scott's third award. Officer **Ray Diaz**, 30756, had eight separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of eight suspects. This is Ray's second award. Officer **John Dunlop**, 31806, had thirteen separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of thirteen suspects. This is John's second award. Officer **Steve**



Lee, 34792, had seven separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of seven suspects. This is Steve's first award. Officer **Deborah Lewis**, 35076, had six separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of six suspects. This is Debbie's first award. Officer **Chris Mayes**, 32009, had nine separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of nine suspects. This is Chris' first award. Officer **Victor Renzelman**, 30369, had nine separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of nine suspects. This is Vic's first award. Officer **James Woods**, 26352, had seven separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of seven suspects. This is James' first award. Sergeant **Stephen Merrin**, 17759, had seven separate vehicle recoveries that resulted in the arrest of seven suspects. This is Steve's first award.

And speaking of Sergeant Merrin, he

has retired and will relocate to the peace and quiet of Arizona. He found himself a beautiful home that he will share with

his wife. Steve will be missed around West Valley. Steve is one of those sergeants that even after thirty years of service is still there to lead the charge and assist you with even the most menial of tasks without any hesitation. I have countless memories of Steve helping me out. Just recently during what would become a SWAT callout Steve obtained critical information on the suspect that we able

to share with SWAT. Steve is a Dodger fan and hopefully this season will be the year that he will have to come back to LA to attend the World Series (hopefully, a freeway series). Steve, good luck, and the best of wishes and happiness to you and your family.

In the past few months, there have been several new arrivals for Officers in West Valley. Congratulations to the new parents, Officer **II Gabe Suarez**, Officer **III+I Karen Rodriguez**, Officer **I Jamie Chacon**, Officer **II Marcial Cruz**, and Officer **III Jude Bella**.

I have turned over the

duty of Divisional Reporter to Officer **Jessie Simon**, who will begin reporting immediately. Additionally, Jessie will assume the duties of one of West Valley's League Delegates. She will attend the monthly meetings and report back to the members. Your other divisional delegates are Sergeant **II Paul Sciarrillo**, Sergeant **John Mumma** (loan to ORS), Sergeant **Marty Fentress** (CRO), and Officer **II Mark Mireles**. If anyone else would like to become a delegate please get a hold of me or one of the other delegates for information on becoming one.

West Valley's Annual Summer Picnic was held on August 28 at Oxnard State Beach. The turnout was spectacular and the weather held for an equally spectacular day. A big thanks to the Station Fund Committee and Community Relations Officer members who planned the event.



L to R: Officers Whitey, Hernandez, Ronquillo, and Mesa.

THE MAGNIFICENT

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by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

With all the negative publicity our Department has been receiving lately, it's nice to turn the pages of the *Blue Line* and see positive stories that make this Department what it is. I will not dwell on the negative issues. Instead, I will provide you with outstanding performances of our own Wilshire officers. I might even throw in a few supervisor names as well. One thing still remains about our division; we are some of the hardest working people in this city.

I want to remind everyone that the Christmas party is just around the cor-

ner, so I'm sure you will start seeing flyers around the station. Buy your tickets early and support the Wilshire Area fund.

Commendation

On July 27, 2004, Officer "Tito" **Mariano** and Officer "Harley" **Hurtado**, while on patrol, became involved in a vehicle pursuit. It all started late one night with conducting a random license plate check on a brand new black BMW. The DMV check returned with the information that the vehicle had been stolen out of Beverly Hills. The officers awaited the arrival of a back-up unit and an air ship. While doing so, the suspect became aware of the fact that the LAPD was on to him. Believing that he had a faster car and that he could drive like Jeff Gordon, he accelerated and began to pull away from the officers. Officers knew that they could not possibly keep up with the vehicle and turned it over to the air ship. Officers Mariano and Hurtado tried to keep a visual on the suspect vehicle. However, the suspect was driving approximately 100 MPH

down Olympic Blvd. towards the 110 freeway. Officers **Mariano** and **Hurtado** backed off far enough so that the suspect could not even see them anymore. This decision showed a tremendous amount of maturity. The suspect soon lost control of his vehicle near the 110 freeway and was involved in a traffic collision. One would think that would be the end of it, but before the officers even arrived at the location, the suspect crawled through the wreckage and began to run. The air ship was overhead and led responding officers to the location of the suspect's hiding place on the side of the 110 freeway in some bushes. He was taken into custody without incident.

Officers **Mariano** and **Hurtado** are commended for their excellent work ethic and decision making ability. Their concern for the safety of the citizens of Los Angeles and their fellow officers is reflective of the highest standards of this organization. This commendation was submitted by Sgt. **Shawn Wehr**, #30457.

Departing

The following personnel will be missed, and we wish them luck in their new respective positions. Det. 2 **H. Fajardo**, #26375, will be leaving us after a long stay here at Wilshire and heading over to FID. Det. 2 **J. Sanderfur**, #24891, will also be going with him. These two detectives have been here at Wilshire for many years and have closed hundreds of cases. I only

hope that we will be able to call on them from time to time for professional advice.

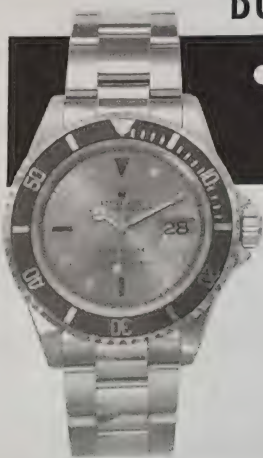
Officer **M. Arai**, #35190, who has also been here at Wilshire for a few years, will be heading up north to Hollywood. Officer **B. Gingras**, #36770, is heading down to Southwest. Officer **E. Cabrera** and my favorite P-1 who is, of course, now a P-2, **Zandy "Run Faster" Terrones**, #36749, are both leaving us. Good luck to all of you, and don't be strangers.

Arriving

Officer **J. Aranda**, #35884, comes to us from Hollywood. Officer **A. Ocampo**, #36785, comes to us from Northeast. Officer **G. Taff**, #36796, comes to us from Harbor. Officer **L. Torres**, #36797, is moving up from Southwest, and Officer **A. Vasquez**, #36798, is also coming to us from Northeast. Good luck to all of you, and we welcome you to the busiest division in the city.

Sgt. **II Velasquez** would like to extend a note of gratitude to Air Support Division. Air ships have been providing extra coverage to Wilshire due to a recent spike in crime. We cannot begin to let you pilots and observers know how much of an asset you are to us. We thank you very much. We will be watching our six.

Happy Halloween to everyone, and remember to have fun and take care of each other.



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Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Greetings

Let me catch up on the last two Transfer Orders that passed, with changes in DP#8 as follows: Capt 2 **Pat Gannon** is now Capt 3 Pat Gannon in the Harbor; P-2 **Arturo Urrutia** is now working the busy streets of Newton Division; and P-2's **Carlos Lozano** and **Mark Miraglia** are both patrolling the streets of Southeast Division. For DP #9, the changes were as follows: P-2 **Daniel Jones** left us for the boulevards of North Hollywood Division, P- 2 **Geoffrey Taff** left us for Wilshire Division, and our only incoming was Senior Clerk Typist **Evelyn Viveros-Mueller**, from the Office of Human Resources.

One last item that I somehow neglected to mention from way back was my big brother, Sgt.1 **Randy Barr**, returning home to the Tip after spending his Sergeant probation in Central Division. It's good to have you back, say "hey" to Lindy for me!! Keep a good and wise eye on the youngsters you have in your den, especially *Johnny*! Welcome, so

long, and good luck to one and all!

Congratulations

Lot's of folks to congratulate, like Sgt.1 **Lise Matulich**, who became the proud grandmother to 9.1 lbs, 20 3/4 inches, Madison Anne-Lise Creswell. Madison's mom Michelle, is the daughter of Sgt. **Matulich**, and also served our country in the fight against terrorism before becoming blessed with the cuddly bundle of joy.

Next, we have our Harbor Bike Unit officers in line for a pat on the back for



Harbor Cycle unit.

taking 2nd place as a team in the Harbor Foot Pursuit 10K race in July. The competing officers included **Victor Pacheco**, **Tracy Hauter**, **Andrew Chao**, **Victor Acevedo**, and **Jaroen "HK" Hitanukulkit**. (Photo)

Competition was the name of the game this summer, as the 2004 California Police and Fire games were held in Stockton, CA - June 5th thru 12th. Our very own Sgt.1 **Bruce Barrios** participated in the tennis events, winning a gold medal in both the masters singles and masters doubles category.

The International Police and Fire Games were held in none other than Las Vegas, Nevada at various venues around town August 8th thru 13th, with several Harbor officers coming out winners.

The list of slated events was endless, and the Harbor SLO's represented with full force. On the second day of the golf competition, SLO **Sal Jaramillo** won the long drive category, and ended up with 11th place out of 130 players on the final fourth day. SLO **Andre Wilkins** placed 12th in the final "no limit" Texas Hold'em poker tournament and SLO **Teri Casey** placed 10th out of 150 plus players, and was the only female left at the final

table, winning \$500 bucks for her effort with the cards.

Sgt.1 **Bart Landsman** placed 20th out of 169 players in the "limited" Texas Hold'em poker tournament, won a gold medal as a player on the LAPD Hit

Squad co-ed softball team, and won a gold medal each for his participation in the racquetball competition in the categories of open singles, open doubles, 40's singles, and 40's doubles.

Congratulations continuing with a mention of Clerk typist **Lourdes Carciello** who celebrated her 20 years of service with LAPD in August. She chuckles while remembering her first day in the Harbor, when she reported for work at the Harbor front desk since she had not yet been issued a 999 key. The now retired Sgt **Ted Lawson** was the W/C at the time, and after asking Lourdes if he could help her, Lourdes quietly advised that she was there to work. Because of Lourdes' youthful appearance and stature (very tiny), Sgt. Lawson didn't quite understand that she was the new record clerk, and abruptly advised her that if she was there to *sell Girl Scout cookies*, the oncoming watch was not yet down from roll call, and she would have to wait. So Lourdes took a seat on the lobby bench and waited until now retired Principal Clerk Typist **Joyce Sakamoto** came and retrieved her from the confusion!

In Closing

Happy Back to School to everyone, and a shout outs to P-3's **Frankie Partida** and **Vince Albano**, who've returned back to work from IOD status. In the meantime, everyone please remember to be safe, be sound, be smart, be sure and keep on dancing.



by Bill Young
Incident Command post

Greetings from the crew at the Incident Command Post Unit.

Deployments

It has been another busy month for callouts with our unit responding with equipment to demonstrations, vice task forces, sobriety task forces, curfew task forces, memorial services, barricaded suspects and OIS's.

Terrorism Exercise

The Unit supported a two day multi agency Federal Terrorism Exercise. Day one started at the Harbor where the scenario involved a container exploding on the dock that contained a dirty bomb. The Fire Department responded as well as our Bomb Squad and Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit and every other Government Department that would normally respond to this type of incident. While victims were triaged and transported to decontamination, Haz Mat and the Bomb Squad cleared the area. Personnel at the main command post at a Naval Marine Corps training center observed the progress via pre-deployed cameras. Information was obtained and a Joint Intelligence Operations Center

(JIOC) at the C/P started follow up investigations that lead to the scenario for day two.

Day two involved locating a warehouse in the Harbor and a ship where terrorist were concealed. Our Dive Team along with Metro and other Federal agencies assaulted the warehouse and ship. It was a *live fire* exercise and some officers were dropped into the water via helicopter. This exercise also involved other County/City agencies and was the largest scale exercise I have ever seen.

The support we received from our friends at Information Technology Agency was phenomenal. ITA personnel agreed it was the largest setup for communications they have been involved in with. Over 40 microwave phone lines and video at several locations.

Along with our exercise in the Harbor, there were other incidents occurring simultaneously across the country. The purpose of the exercise was to test NORTHCOM's ability to obtain situation status reports from across the country, assess the logistical needs and identify the appropriate federal resources to respond to each location. The exercise was a success and several lessons were learned that will improve our response to any terrorist incident within the City.

Military Property Aquisition Team

Last call for anybody that still has an M-17 gas mask, get it to Officer Neville (485-8563). Officer Neville has been collecting the masks and will be returning them to the Military in the near future. It has become quite the ordeal disposing of the masks so your assis-

tance with returning the masks as soon as possible with assist us with these efforts.

Tip of the Month

There still seems to be a little confusion when it comes to evacuating people from the residences. If it is necessary to evacuate people, two things must be considered; transportation and an evacuation center location. Without going into a lot of detail, we can get busses from MTA or the Los Angeles Unified

School District. The Red Cross can provide assistance in providing housing if it is going to be a long-term evacuation. If it is short term, look for a nearby school auditorium or recreation center etc. Any request for transportation/housing should be coordinated through the Department of Recreation and Parks and/or the LA Unified School Police.

For detailed information on evacuations, refer to the Emergency Operations Guide or Field Supervisors Guide.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Fitz
Rampart Division

Taking the Plunge

Congrats and best wishes to another batch of Rampart coppers that recently



Steve and Melissa wed off the North Shore!



Al and Blanca striking a pose!

said their "I do's!" P2 **Erin Hibbard** and Sgt. **Rich Gabaldon** from Southwest finally got married after years of courtship. Sgt. **Al Pasos** and P2 **Blanca Perez** from Central also tied the knot up in the rock garden at the Academy. P3 **Melissa Ayala** and P2 **Steve Hernandez** flew over to Maui and got married. Guess those two found love on a Rampart Street!

Congrats

P3 **Victor Alvarez** is the latest proud pop walking the halls of the Castle. Vic's a brand new Daddy to his precious little girl, **Lizette**. Congrats, Vic!



Lizette, Vic's little pride and joy.

Rockin' Again

Congrats to Sgt. **II Bart Witherow** for getting his rocker back after a brief hiatus without it. Guess the department was a tad bit overzealous in taking it away in the first place. You can't keep a good man down. Sarge was deservedly vindicated and got his Sergeant II status back! Glad to have you running the watch, Sarge! Now, let the troops go home early!

Gnarly Bro!

Shout out to the Bruner brothers for representing the department in the latest surfing competition at the Police/Fire Olympics held down at San Onofre Beach. P2 **Erik Bruner** surfed his way into a first place finish and took home

the gold! P2 **Jeff Bruner** wasn't too far behind in 4th place. For those unaware, both brothers are highly skilled in their craft and have competed in tons of competitions alongside of some of the world's greatest surfers. Cowabunga, dudes. Way to shred the pipe! Go trunk it. No sponge allowed!

Outs

We've got another batch of boots wheeling outta Rampart! If they ever want to try and get back to the Castle, they'll have to join the long, long list of P2s trying to see what Rampart is all about! P2 **Marc Fujiwara** heads up to Northeast. Stay off that radio, Fuji! P2 **Cynthia Cuadra** goes down south to join the 77th Power Pigs! P2 **Wilcer Godoy** is out to Foothill. Make sure you spend your free time on The Rock! Good luck and don't forget your Rampart tactics!

Ground Pounding

P3 **Ray Martinez** and P2 **Pete Miranda** chased down a dope dealer who hid out in his hotel and then tossed bricks and bricks of packed marijuana out of the bathroom window! P2 **Miguel Dominguez** and P2 **Jess**

Faber get a Burlington Loco gangster with a strap and then sneak up on another coward who tries to hide his gun from the coppers. Guess you guys got those eagle eye skills for running and gunning!

P3 **Matt "Hollywood" Zeigler** and P2 **Damien Levesque** get into a foot chase after a gangster who tossed his strap in a dumpster and tried to outrun them. The gangster ran out of steam and was apprehended on a dimly lit street corner. A donnybrook ensues, which ends with the gangster being apprehended. Mara gangsters have begun taking road trips to get away from hard-charging Rampart coppers. They've been causing havoc over on the East Coast! Matt and Damien have even done ride-alongs with press and coppers from back

east so they can learn how Rampart dealt with the Mara frenzy.

P3 **Iris Santin** and P2 **Jason Abner** pulled over a La Mirada gangster on a routine traffic stop for a minor violation. A quick wingspan search of his hoopies reveals a readily accessible Tec-9, a .380 revolver, and just in case, a .25 semi-auto! Three straps outta a ride, you guys trying to set a Rampart record? P2 **Edgar Hernandez**, P2 **Danny "D-Cota" Cota**, and P2 **Chris Andrade** chase down an 18th Street loco who tosses a .45 to the curb and keeps running, tosses a .22 revolver over a fence and then prones himself out! There's even a rumor that during the chase Chris threw his flashlight over a fence!

"Caper of the D.P.": An unruly citizen thought he could get away with torching the station and setting a couple coppers ablaze with gasoline and matches. The arson freak was taught to respect the Castle, in the midst of dumping a couple of gallons of gasoline throughout the lobby and front desk. Sgt. **Al Pasos** initiated a take-down of the lunatic while slipping and sliding across the gasoline-drenched lobby floors. Sarge was followed by P2 **Jason Ahn**, P2 **Jonathan Campbell**, and the fearless P2 **Cindy Wapp** who were able to subdue the 300 pound man just before he lit his match and sent Rampart up in flames. P3 **Clint Dona**, P2 **Mike Gramillo**, P2 **Ruben Reyna** also responded and assisted with the arrest. In the end, the dummy was booked for multiple counts of attempted 187 on a P.O., and the Castle was again protected by courageous cops who didn't hesitate to walk through that valley of death. Bet you didn't hear about that one in the news!

Rampart.com

If you stumble into a caper, have a picture to share or a tidbit for the *Blue Line*, drop an e-mail to thecastle@msn.com and it'll be sure to be included. Also, if you've got digital pictures of Rampart coppers either at work or on an excursion, e-mail a copy for a slide show presentation at the upcoming Xmas party. Good looking out!



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

I would like to commend P-2 **George Olsey**, #35272, for returning to work so fast after jumping out of an airplane when his parachute failed to open, then had to use his backup chute to help stop his fall. Officer Olsey had major internal injuries. The first night was a very scary one. We weren't sure he would pull through. But from the grace of God and a miracle and that he was in great physical shape he was able to pull through all his life-threatening injuries. Officer Olsey was in the hospital for two weeks and at home for three more weeks. Officer Olsey has been back to work for one month. He works hard, but he walks slower. It's great to have him back to work and walking through the

pain from all his injuries. Officer Olsey, you are an inspiration to all of the officers at Foothill for your dedication to returning back to work and teamwork. I am glad to see you at work. Get better soon. Thank God you are still around.

We had another officer who had a life-threatening traffic accident: P2 **Michael Boylls**, #35250, who has been working the property crime detail in detectives. He is an outstanding and dedicated officer. Get well soon and hurry back to work.

Commendation

P.O. **II Joe Anaya**, #34612.

P.O. **II Santiago Casillas**, #34693.

On June 19, 2004, at 0145 hours, Foothill Area Gang Officers Anaya and Casillas were conducting directed enforcement efforts addressing the criminal activity of the San Fer Gang. While at 15152 Polk Street, they observed four San Fer Gang members drinking in public. When the gang members observed the officers, they began running. One of the gang members was holding his waistband in a manner suggesting he was concealing a possible weapon on his person.

Anaya and Casillas monitored the probable location of the suspects and coordinated the positioning of respond-

ing units. Ultimately, four active San Fer gang members were arrested and a loaded revolver was recovered, one of the arrestees.

Officers Anaya and Casillas, you are commended for your investigative acumen, keen observation skills and superior tactics which led to the arrest of four violent gang members. Your efforts are noted and they are appreciated. Thank you.

Acts of Kindness

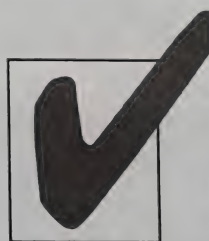
An officers patrolling in the Pacoima area noticed a childhood friend hanging out of one of the local motels. The officer stopped to talk to his old friend and learned his friend lost his job and home, due to a work-related injury. His friend has a family of four and a wife. This officer gathered his friend and his fami-

ly and moved them into his house. The officer helped his friend recover from his injuries and find him a new job in construction. This officer also found a location for his friend and family to live.

This officer was hurt during a ski diving accident and was two hours from his home. His wife was with him at the hospital, sleeping on chairs. The area OIC went to visit the officer and learned that the officer's wife was sleeping in the room on chairs. The OIC paid for the officer's wife to stay at an adjacent hotel.

A congratulations goes to Officers **Daniel Parra**, #33625, and Officer **Pina** for their marriage. Bless them both. They are two outstanding officers.

Upcoming lake trips will be posted at the station starting soon. All are welcome. Be safe and take care, everyone.



VOTE YES ON MEASURE A

77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

77th Family is Always Welcome

On May 10, 1974, Officer **Michael Edwards** was found shot to death at 122-1/2 W. 89th Street. At the time of his death, Officer Edwards was assigned to 77th Street Area. The saddest part was he left behind his six-year-old daughter, Toby.

On August 13, Toby was flown in



Lt. Von Lutzow, Toby and Sgt. Driver.

from Parker Center to 77th Street Station by the air unit at the direction of Chief **Bratton**. She met with Lt. **Paul**

Von Lutzow and Sgt. **Billy Driver** in hopes of learning more about her father's history with the LAPD.

Sgt. Driver worked with Officer Edwards when they were assigned to the original gang unit of 77th Street CRASH. Lt. Von Lutzow shared stories with Toby of his working relationship at another division. Toby was overjoyed and amazed to learn so much of her father's history with the LAPD. You will always be family, Toby.

77th CST Rocks

This unit has been in existence for approximately one year and three months. They have been victims of shootings, but when you just simply fit right into a neighborhood that has issues, you never know what can happen.

On a few good days, these guys take care of business. On May 6, 2004, officers observed a carload of gang members driving around in a rival hood. They followed the vehicle witnessed a drive-by and with assistance from patrol took everyone into custody.

On June 3, 2004, they were assigned to our Blockbuster Robbery problem. They deployed with all their information and lo and behold, before their very eyes, the bad guys strike again. Code 4 in custody and not just to this particular

D.R. number, but many others.

Congratulations on all of your many accomplishments, and since I cannot run

the Detective of the Second Quarter for 2004 is Officer **Frank Flores**. He has been on loan to the Detectives working Homicide and Gangs for the past two years. A gang expert specializing in high profile violent crimes, Officer Flores has made 16 outstanding detective-initiated gang arrests. He was directly involved in four gang homicide investigations that resulted in arrest. His proactive approach to police work has assisted in gang crime in Hollywood being down more than 50 percent this year. While assigned to detectives, Frank maintains a close liaison with his uniformed counterparts. It is with great pleasure that Hollywood Detective Division recognize and honor Officer Frank Flores.

Family News

Officer **Michael Tirella** is very proud of his son Max who has been taking fencing lessons since he was six. After his first year of competition in youth fencing, Max is the Pacific Coast Section Champion in the men's ten-year and under in epee. He qualified for the national championships held in Charlotte, North Carolina, this last July 4. The competition was fierce and Max came out ranked 15th in the nation. He looks forward to next season and is currently practicing at the Beverly Hills Fencers Club. We applaud you on a fine accomplishment, Max.

Notes

And there you have it. Again from Hollywood where every day is an adventure in paradise and every night is a reality show.



Detectives - Awarded



Baby Xavier A. Morales.

your pics, I will just name you: Sgt. **Rich Baeza**, Officers **Aquiles Morales**, **Refugio Garza**, **Kevin Huff**, **Anthony Acosta**, **Jeanette Garcia**, **Jesus Carrillo** and **Richard Ramos**.

There is one photo I can run and that is the one of Officer **Aquiles Morales** and wife **Eva's** new baby son, **Xavier A. Morales**, **Xavier** who was born on May 6, 2004, coming in at 5.7 lbs. And 19 inches. *Felicitades!*

Not In This 77th Hood

Gang members celebrate anniversaries of their gang. Go figure, an anniversary date for being a part of the most stupid decision you have ever made in your life! Whatever!

August 3rd brought the attention to two of the most violent gangs in 77th Street—83 Hoovers and 8-Trey Gangsters. ETG took the most heat on this day. Multiple search warrants served, one murder suspect in custody and surveillance at a park nabbed three additional suspects for possession of a weapon and a felony warrant. One gang member told officers assigned to 77th Street Area that they were "not playing fair." Excuse me, can someone get us a copy of the book that documents the rule son how to deal with gangsters!

"Fight On" Detective Marchetti

It is a G-ride arrest involving a stolen out of Vegas. LAPD Fugitive Section gets involved and the suspect is booked for 151.1 PC. Vegas does not want to extradite for GTA and the D.A. rejects the case. 77th Det. **Tom Marchetti** fights on, and with the assistance of Det. **Reyes** from Fugitive, the bad guy was rearrested for 10851(A). They had evi-

dence that the steering column was broken and the defendant had a motel receipt from Vegas on the day that the victim's vehicle was stolen.

They take this test case from the 10851 with the defendant's Los Angeles parole record of GTA and narcotics to the D.A. A definite three-striker, and with all of this, he was filed on!

With GTAs always being a serious issue, it is nice to see that some detectives go that extra mile!



4 generations: Dill Jim Stoa - 77th Autos, Great Grandpa Clayton Stoa from Austin, MN, daughter Jennifer (Stoa) Riggs, 77th Patrol Officer Josh Riggs, and "the boys" Jeremiah and Josiah Riggs, born April 3, 2004.

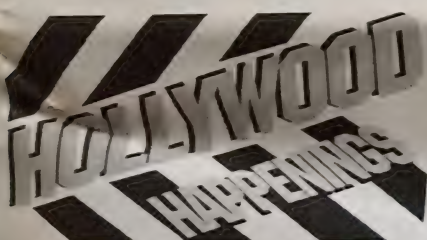
Family Comes First

Believe it or not, the holidays are coming quickly! Our lives get so busy that sometimes we forget. When my Auto Dill **Jim Stoa** came up to me and showed me his picture of his father, **Clayton Stoa** (from Austin, MN), his daughter **Jennifer** (married to 77th Officer **Josh Riggs**), and his two grandsons **Jeremiah** and **Josiah Riggs**, it put a lot of things back in the right perspective.

Toby has some special insight of her dad, and **Xavier**, **Jeremiah** and **Josiah** all get to celebrate their first "Thanksgiving" and "Christmas."

And be sure to put December 8, 2004, on your calendar. It's the 77th official Christmas party at the D.R. room. Let the holidays begin!

Stay safe!



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

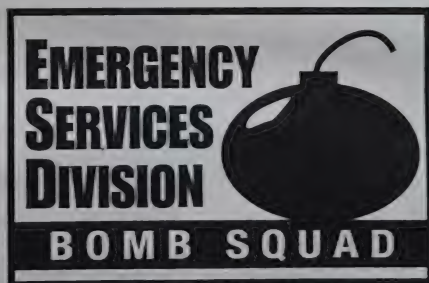
Ins & Outs

So let's look around the neighborhood and see who is new in the zoo. Some new P-2s: **E. Limon** from 77th, **C. Garbarini** from Pacific, **M. Arai** from Wilshire, and civilian **B. Luskleet** from SOD. (Husbands a motor sergeant.)

And look who is "out of here!": P-2s **D. Vergara** to CTD, **N. Cavinta**, and **A. Martin** to Southwest, and **J. Aranda** to Wilshire. So long and goodbye.

Honors and Awards

Patrol - P.O. III **Art Cota** has been selected as Hollywood Area Officer of the Second Quarter of 2004. This honor could not have been bestowed on a more deserving or humble individual. He is forthright and employs the percepts of honesty and personal integrity. He endures a grueling workload, constant scrutiny and a station in continuous flux. The Hollywood command staff proudly joins the members of the Hollywood Patrol Division in awarding this honor.



Mario Capra is the son of **Ron Capra** of Emergency Services Division Bomb Squad.

Mario comes from a long history of Capras. His grandfather was a World War II veteran. **Mario** is currently stationed in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Mario G. Capra has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching,

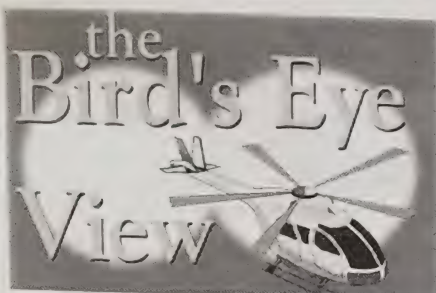


rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Capra is the son of **Ronald** and **Carmen Capra** of Thousand Oaks and is a 2003 graduate of Thousand Oaks High School.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Tactical Flight Officer News

Our newest Tactical Flight Officer has completed his training and received his wings. Officer **Chris Mezich** recently celebrated this occasion with family and friends at Hooper Memorial Heliport.



Coley Maddigan's wife Tammy pins on his pilot wings.

Chris came to us from Hollywood Division where he was a Senior Lead Officer. It was great to see all of the SLOs from Hollywood in attendance supporting Chris.

Chris has been working extremely hard for the past five months learning the most complex job the LAPD has to offer. Navigation, tactics, radio usage, communication, and mission equipment usage are just a few of the areas that

Chris was rated on. His dedication and determination has paid off, and he is now a Tactical Flight Officer working ASTRO. Chris is a great addition to our division, and all of you will benefit from his knowledge and experience as he assists you from above.

Congratulations, Chris. Welcome to Air Support Division.

Four New Pilots Receive Wings

After months of training in the classroom and in the cockpit, two officers and two sergeants recently received their wings. Officers **Coley Maddigan** and **Kevin Gallagher** were the first to complete the training. They were quickly followed by Sgts **Gary Holbrook** and



Kevin Gallagher's wife Brett pins on his pilot wings.

Wayne De Bord. All four of these individuals have accomplished a personal goal of becoming a command pilot at ASD.

The pilot training at ASD is very thorough and intense. It requires long hours of study both at work and at home followed by numerous written exams. It also requires over 150 hours of flight time in a Bell 206 Jet Ranger. The students practice emergency procedures

constantly, including hundreds of auto rotations. Periodic check rides from Chief Pilot **Don Reuser** keep the students on their toes and test their skill level. All of this training wraps up with

FAA written exams and an FAA check ride before receiving their command pilot wings. The instructor pilots for this class were **Ed McKeon** and **Patrick McNamara**. They both did an outstanding job preparing the students for all of the tests they had to face. Pat and Ed both will tell you that this class of four all did an outstanding job and made their jobs easy.



L to R: Kris Owen, Chris Mezich, and Jaime Marin.

Coley and Kevin also completed additional requirements to receive their Certified Flight Instructor rating. This required two additional FAA written exams and an additional FAA check ride. Both of these pilots will be involved in training ASD in the future. Coley, Kevin, and Wayne, congratulations on this accomplishment. We are very lucky to have all of you at ASD.

ASD Tip of the Month

Homeland security is a priority for all of us as Americans and certainly as law enforcement officers. We depend on intelligence and investigative techniques to keep us safe from terrorist attacks. It is vital that all of us on the front lines of law enforcement continue to be alert and observant. Patrol officers on the street are the best line of defense we have.

Recently a "patrol officer" in Charlotte, NC, observed an individual videotaping buildings in downtown Charlotte. The buildings were not the type of "tourism" locations you would expect to be photographed. This alert officer used his experience, training, and common sense to investigate further. The individual he detained is now in custody and a large-scale investigation is taking place. Videotapes from several cities across the country were found. No matter where this investigation goes, this was a job well done by this officer.

We should all remember this story as we patrol the streets of Los Angeles. Our airport, harbor, high-rises, and tourist locations are high on the terrorists' lists. Be alert to the unusual and investigate. If air support can assist you in any way, please let us know. Always watch your six.



by Jose Ceja
Commission Investigation Division

Dude, Where's My Car?

That's what the beautiful Det. **Lille Zemones** of CCD would like to know. Last month on Friday the 13th, CID, along with some help from CCD, SID, the CHP and a whole lot of reserve officers, conducted the first of what will be ongoing bandit tow sting operations.

The operation was as simple as it was successful. Det. Zemones parked a bait car at a predetermined location. A few minutes later, a suspicious tow truck entered the parking lot. And faster than you can get denied for code-7, the bait car was hooked up and taken without the owner's consent. Two "badies" were arrested by CID officers for 10851 and three bandit tow trucks were impounded with help from the CHP. Det. Ill **Dan DeBellis** and Det. **Tom Butler**, CID's OPG coordinators, have been continu-

ously trying to take care of their tow problems. Det. DeBellis said, "This tow is big, it's really big. It's a really bit tow issue we're dealing with." Since the deregulation of the tow industry in the mid-1990s, bandit tows have been a growing problem. Det. Butler said, "...this problem is like a disease. Our tows are dirty, our tows are infected, and we (CID) need to clean them up."

Thanks, CCD, SID, our reserve officers, and our tan-clad CHP brothers. And a very special thanks to everyone at CID that took part in this operation—the security teams, the O.P. detail, and the arrest team. Dirty Dozen, a J.O.B. well done.

Conan the Librarian!

Det. **Kim Brunson**, peace officer, PAB floor warden (1st floor), wife, mother...adult entertainment expert?

That's right, Det. Kim Brunson, not what you would expect the citywide adult entertainment guru to look like,



Nine of CID's Dirty Dozen pose for a picture after Bandit Tow Sting Operation (CID officers not pictured were off on Bonding Leave).

but that's her (please see photo). She is fearless in her duties. Kim "the librarian" Brunson regulates every topless bar, strip club, and peep show in the city. It is her sole responsibility to ensure that all of these establishments adhere to the newly adopted adult entertainment ordinance.

In July, CID kicked off the implementation of the new adult entertainment ordinance with Det. Brunson at the helm and a whole lot of help from OCVD and Vice units from throughout the city. In the weeks preceding the task force, Det.

Brunson personally inspected every adult location in the city, setting a benchmark from which to conduct future inspections. On the night of the task force, every adult business was revisited. Numerous arrests were made



Detective Kim "The Librarian" Brunson, Citywide Adult Entertainment Expert.

and numerous administrative violations were noted and forwarded to the Police Commission for administrative action.

Don't let her mild mannered looks fool you. Our Barbarian, I mean Librarian, takes no prisoners. She packs a big punch!

Thanks, Kim, for all your hard work!

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Quarterly Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2nd Quarter Awards. They went out to Detective **Luis Alarcon** for Detective of the Quarter, Officer **Matthew Garza** for Officer of the Quarter, Sergeant **Martin Majarro** for Sergeant of the Quarter and Records Clerk, **Kathy Smith** for Civilian of the Quarter. They received the recognition they so justly deserved at the Mid Valley Community Police Council meeting held on July 6, 2004.

Police Unity Tour

For the third year in a row, Sergeant **Steven Gottschalk** and Detective **Dawn DeVine-Pelt** had the honor of participating in the Police Unity Tour. The Police Unity Tour, which was first organized in 1997, has raised over \$885,000 for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, becoming the single largest donor to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. In addition, funds raised by the Police Unity Tour have been donated to assist with the creation of the National Law Enforcement Museum, which will be located adjacent to the memorial. Police Officers from across the United States met in New York City on May 9th and traveled by bicycle from Ground Zero to Washington DC to honor fallen Police Officers. Officers from Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Los Angeles Sheriffs, Oakland, Riverside Police and School Police road 280 miles over four days and then participated in a Candlelight Vigil and Memorial ceremonies at the Capital. LAPD Officers were honored to ride in memory of our fallen brother, Detective **Abiel Barron** and in support of the LAPD family of Burbank Officer **Matthew Pavelka**. Three weeks later, Dawn traveled to Stockton, California to participate in the 2004 California Police and Fire Games. Dawn entered four cycling events in the female Masters B category; a criterium, time trial, sprint and road race. Dawn took the Gold in all four events. Fantastic!

We Had A Great Picnic

A fun time was had by all who attended this year's Van Nuys Hawaiian Luau

Picnic. The picnic was held at the Disabled American Veterans Park in Woodland Hills on August 21, 2004. Some of the activities included swimming, Tug-of-War, Bingo, a Water Balloon Contest, Karaoke Contest, Best Hawaiian Shirt Contest, Hula-Hoop Contest, Watermelon Eating Contest, Limbo Contest, Moon Bounce and pinata for the children. The Senior Lead Officers and **Martha Graham** did a superb job of barbecuing the delicious carne asada, chicken, hot dogs, corn and tortillas, complete with all the fixins'. A couple of the many fun highlights were when Captain **Lizarraga** participated in



the hula-hoop contest, he was a great sport. Another highlight was when Sergeant **Dave Cueto**, Sergeant **Paul Anderson**, Lieutenant **Dave Storaker**, SLO **Ron Carter**, SLO **Nate Banry**, along with children, sang "I'm proud to be an American." Thanks for all who attended the picnic, your participation and involvement in the activities was awesome!

Copper Caper

On 08-11-04 an attempt murder occurred at the Hyland Motel in Van Nuys. Van Nuys Parole Car, Officers **Byers #35673** and **Jaramillo #35691** received the name of the individual who rented the motel room on the night of the stabbing, and found he was on active parole. Officers Byers and Jaramillo utilized their contacts with State Parole and notified the suspect's parole agent. The agent advised the officers that the suspect was possibly staying at a halfway house in Granada Hills. Officers immediately PCD Sergeant **Roward #30966**. Officer Byers, Jaramillo, Sgt Roward, along with Officers **Collura #34059** and **Saurman #22507** conducted a follow up to the halfway house. Officers Byers and Jaramillo observed a suspect matching the description of the attempt murder suspect exit the residence. After questioning the individual it was determined it was not the suspect, but the suspect was still inside the residence. Officers requested additional units (**Houze #34707** and **Ewald #36811**) and the residence was surrounded. Officers "called-out" all occupants and the sus-

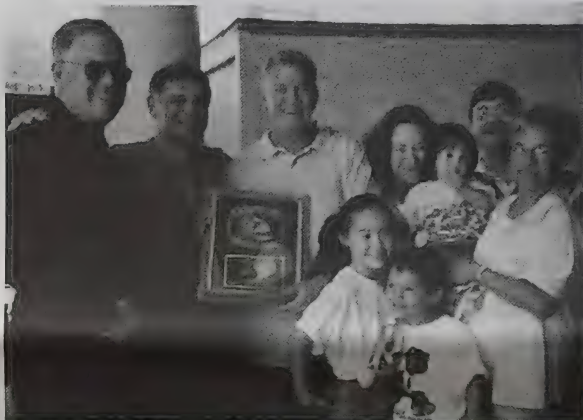
pect exited the residence and was taken into custody. The suspect was booked at Van Nuys Jail for Attempt Murder.

Tom Bibbs Retires

Our very own **Thomas "Tommy-The Dinosaur" Bibbs**, serial # 15101, retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after 33 years of dedicated service. He started the L.A.P.D. on May 19, 1969 and completed his probation in Rampart. Tom wheeled to Jail Division where he worked for five months then transferred to Van Nuys where he worked the field for the rest of his career. You always knew which black and white Tom was driving because he would have his good luck charm, a grey stuffed dinosaur, in the rear window of his vehicle. When he started getting a bit of "bad luck" he ditched the dino and things were smooth sailing from there.

Van Nuys Division hosted a station barbeque honoring Tom Bibbs on July 22, 2004. Tom's family and numerous Van Nuys Personnel came out to wish him well. Tommy, you will always be remembered here at Van Nuys.

Keep in touch, you know that you are always welcome to swing by anytime. You are a class act and we are better people for having known you. Have a



fantastic retirement, you deserve it!

There will be a retirement party for Tom Bibbs, **Bob Denton** and **Jim Rigney** at the Encino Glen Banquet Hall in March 2005. More information will be forthcoming. Be sure not to miss it!

In Our Continuous Prayers

Officer **Vu Bui**, you are in our continuous thoughts and we pray blessings upon you and your family. Stay positive buddy, we miss you.

Our prayers are also extended to Officer **Chris Haines'** family who was involved in a car accident. We are praying for healing, health and a speedy recovery.

Baby News

Congratulations to Officer **Dan Romeo** and **Susana Reynoso** on the birth of their son **Nicholas Anthony**. Little Nicholas was born on February



27, 2004 and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. Have fun with your new bundle of joy.

Officer **Amy Schnieder** and her partner, **Melissa Schwartz** proudly announce the birth of **Casey James Schnieder**. Casey was born on August 5 at 0546 hours and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations!

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

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PII **O. Jimenez**, #36775

Leaving: PII **B. Corwin**, #35723 (to NE); PII **S. Solley**, #36795 (to NE); PII **J. Poepke**, #35367 (to WVAL)

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by Officer Dennis J. DeNoi
Military Liaison Officer

In the year since the Military Liaison Officer Program was established over 200 employees and the family members of employees called to active duty in the Armed Forces Guard and Reserves, have been directly assisted. This clearly illustrates that this was a much needed and well overdue employee and family support program. In addition to the original mission of having a "one call does it all" service and benefits representative for employees serving in the military, the program quickly developed into a Department-wide support operation. Recently, there has been an increase in the Department support function and several interesting projects have been undertaken in that regard. One such mission occurred this July, when approximately 20 Marines from Camp Pendleton reported to the Davis Training Facility, in Granada Hills for specialized training. As the Department Military Liaison Officer (MLO), I was contacted by Lieutenant Colonel Philip Karle, who just so happens to be a LAPD Police Officer, serving on active duty with the Marine Corps. Colonel Karle requested that the Department assist the Marines with Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC) training. I was informed that the Marines currently serving at Headquarters, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (I-MEF) were scheduled to ship out for specialized assignments in Iraq in the near future and would be filling billets involving independent and dignitary protection duties. Their assignments would require them to routinely operate civilian type vehicles in hostile areas with little or no supporting security forces. Therefore, these Marines must have a strong knowledge of emergency and evasive driving skills to ensure they accomplish their missions, save the lives of those they are escorting and possibly save their own lives. Upon receiving this request, I contacted Sergeant II Jerry Hallenger, Training Group Adjutant (a Marine Sergeant) and Commander Paul Kim, Training Group (a Marine "Mustang" Captain). I was immediately assured that the Department would provide the requested training. Similar training has been providing in the past by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, but they were unable to handle the recent increase demand. Sergeant Ron Moen, OIC, EVOC, lead his highly-qualified team of driving instructors in the development of specialized training course to satisfy the Marines unique needs. Starting on July 26, the EVOC Training Unit conducted two, 2 day Dignitary Protection Evasive Driving Courses.

The training consisted of pursuit driving, high-speed operational track driving, low and high-speed reverse driving, evasive driving, skid recovery training and practical application ambush evasive/survival exercise drills. When the first group completed their training and returned to Camp Pendleton, they had nothing but high praise and positive comments about the training provided, the LAPD and the EVOC staff. To show their appreciation, the Marines dispatched Colonel Patrick Gough, I-MEF (Rear), G-3 Operations Officer to the Davis Training Facility to personally present Sergeant Moen and his driving instructors with a special plaque and I-MEF patches. The plaque, a customized boat paddle, is a coveted trophy among I-MEF Marines and is a symbol of the high level of esteem the Marines have for the professionalism the LAPD showed during the training. The EVOC staff was equally impressed with the performance and esprit-de-corps shown by the Marines during training. Thanks EVOC for a job well done. The EVOC staff consists of the following dedicated personnel, Sergeant II Bob Reid #17099, Jerry Bush #12727, Tom Pote #15540, Marc Hemsworth #23022, Clarence Metcalfe #23717, Gary Correa #24039, Bob Organ #24213, Joe Gooden #24918, Alex Penrith #26821, Carrie Dooros #30643.

LAPD Recruiters Report to Marine Corps Recruiter Depot for Duty

On the flip side of the coin, at just about the same time as the I-MEF Marines were receiving training at the LAPD, we had six officers receiving training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. In this case, I had run into Officer Ryan White, Recruitment and Employment Division (while making my rounds at Parker Center). Officer White, among other things, is a Staff Sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserves and returned to the Department from long term active military duty. During his military tour, he saw combat action and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the invasion of Iraq. Officer White has been assigned to the Department's Recruitment Team and is their Military Recruiter. Officer White is a take charge type person and he has a lot of good ideas on better ways to do business. In this vein, he asked me if I could assist him by contacting the world renowned Marine Corps Recruiter School, to see if Department personnel could attend some of their training. It just so happened that I recently met Colonel Noel Wood, Commanding Officer, of the recruiter school during one of my camping trips to Camp Pendleton. With one call to Colonel Wood, the request was well on its way. The Marines indicated that they would work out whatever requests the LAPD had for training at the Marine school. After considering all the possibilities, a couple of courses were offered and accepted by the Department. This past July, six Officers from the LAPD's recruitment team attended weeklong courses in recruitment salesmanship and public speaking. Without exception, the officers were satisfied with the training and were impressed with the level of difficulty of the courses. One of the points of interest in the above story is the fact that the Department is getting over its reluctance of actively recruiting prior and current military personnel. Another item I would like to point out is the willingness and ease in which the Department and the United States Armed Forces are working together for a common cause, which is the welfare and

security of the United States.

Another Day on Patrol!

Speaking of EVOC Training, I recently received a letter and photograph via e-mail from Detective Craig Taylor, Wilshire Division. He is currently serving on long term military activation in Iraq. Take a look at this pre-patrol photograph of their equipment and armored Humvee. I routinely receive e-mails and photos from our employees serving on the front lines of the War on Terrorism. The candid comments on life in a war zone keep me well grounded as to what it takes to say, "I'm having a bad day." I hear about bomb explosions, shots fired, convoy ambushes, and the list goes on. But it's not the description of the bombs and bullets that I find most interesting, it's their reaction to them. Just a few months ago these employees had the day to day worries we all have, now they have bigger things to concern themselves with. For example, this morning



Another Day "In Patrol!" Detectives Craig Taylor, Wilshire Area and Robert Kolesar, Narcotics Division, LAPD, and Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Carter, Fire Station 66, "C" Platoon, LAFD. The three pose briefly for a pre-mission photo before heading out on patrol. Both Taylor and Kolesar are holding "lap guns" (modified AK-47s) and Carter has a M203 (M-16 with a single shot 40mm grenade launcher).



Lieutenant Colonel Philip Karle, USMC and Sergeant Ron Moen, OIC, EVOC Training Unit, Davis Training Facility, holding "Boat Paddle" plaque that the Marines presented to the EVOC instructors.

I opened an e-mail from Lieutenant James Jensen, U.S. Navy, and a PO-II Van Nuys Division who is serving in Iraq. He said, "We just had a second large mortar explode a 100 yards from my building, and I thought it would be a good time to take shelter in a hardened structure and send out some e-mails." That is the kind of comment you would expect someone to make here, if raindrops started falling, not mortar shells. My point is, we have it good here at home because of these men and women doing their part overseas. So upon their return, they deserve our best effort to ensure they get the time and consideration they earned.

Support Our Troops

On the "Support Our Troops" front, I am aware of several things going on at this time. Sergeant Andrea Grossman, IAD, is still conducting the "Letters from LA," letter writing campaign. Andrea has cards that you can fill out and send to our LAPD employees serving on extended active duty around the world. This program also sends letters to employees from the Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles School Police Department. To obtain blank cards, please give Andrea Grossman a call at 213-473-3828. In addition, Andrea has launched a new and bigger troop support program called "Hero Bears." Andrea has designed a "bennie" type bear complete with a LAPD badge and nameplate that reads "LA Hero." This is a fundraising project that will provide money for Care Packages for our troops and to purchase these same bears to be given to our troops and their families. Watch for more information on this project or give Andrea a call at the above number. You can also call Janine Kuehl at 213-473-6672. I know there are several other employees and sections conducting troop support programs, such as the very successful Care Package project that Juvenile Division has been conducting for some time now. Detective Kevin Coffee and his crew recently received a surprise visit from a group of Marines that they had been receiving the much needed items from home. Check out the "Juvenile Journal" of the Blue Line in the Divisional Reporter section for more information on their activity.

The Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL)

is also working on a special holiday edition of the Blue Line that will highlight employees and their family members who are serving on active military over the holiday season. The LAPPL is looking for pictures and holiday greetings for this special holiday edition. For more information and to submit photos and wishes to your military family member serving abroad either email your wishes to: blueline@lappl.org or post them by U.S. mail to LAPPL, attn. Thin Blue Line Holiday Wish, 1308 West 8th Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The deadline for contributions for the holiday publication is November 1, 2004.

Uniform Checks!

Are you missing your uniform check? Sworn Department employees serving on long or short term military leave are entitled to their annual uniform checks. There was a slight mix up at Fiscal Operations Division (FOD) and some personnel, including a few serving on long term military leave, who were not issued uniform checks. The situation has been corrected and the missing checks are being issued and mailed to those affected employees. However, if you have not received your uniform check by the time you read this article, contact the Military Liaison Officer at 213-473-8871.

Attention to Orders:

It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation, provide the Military Liaison Officer with your correct Home of Record address and current military (FPO) mailing address and military e-mail accounts. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you, as the Department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail, or e-mail.

SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Los Angeles GALAXY Major League Soccer Team Hosts Police & Fire Soccer Tournament

by Det. Don Barfield
Coach/Manager
LA United F.C. - LAPD Soccer

August 21, 2004, the Los Angeles Galaxy Major League Soccer Team hosted the 2nd annual Police & Fire



Department soccer tournament at their new facilities, the Home Depot Center in Carson.

The winners of the preliminary rounds qualify for the final game that is played in the Home Depot Center

Soccer Stadium.

This year, the teams are as follows:

- 1.) LA County Sheriff
- 2.) LA County Fire
- 3.) LAPD (Cepeda)
- 4.) LA City Fire
- 5.) Glendale PD Combo
- 6.) LA United F.C. (LAPD Soccer) - Barfield

This is a grueling schedule. Two preliminary games followed by the finals, all in the same day.

The first game pitted the LA United F.C. - LAPD Soccer - (Barfield's Squad) against LAPD (Cepeda's Squad). LA United dominated the game by winning 5-2.

Our next opponent was the Glendale PD combo team. After only 10-minutes rest between the first and second game, we played the Glendale team who was fresh and hadn't played yet. LA United F.C. prevailed with a close 4-3 win over the Glendale PD Combo team.

On to the finals in the main stadium, a genuine thrill for all of us. What a massive complex with a field that was impeccable. Our opponent was the LA City Fire Team, who finished first in their group.

A spirited game ensued with LA City Fire striking the first. Five minutes later, LA

United's Nick Vascones made a pinpointed pass to a diving Marlon Marrache who drove a head ball viciously into the back of the net, tying the game, 1-1. As time expired, the teams were tied.



LA UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
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Penalty kicks were next to break the deadlock. LA City Fire prevailed to win when their goalie stopped an attempt by one of our players.

Many thanks to the Galaxy Corporate Account Executive Nick Mann for inviting us and orchestrating the entire event.

On to the Next Tournament:

The LA United F.C. (LAPD Soccer) will be traveling to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, September 8th through the 12th, 2004 to compete in our next international tournament, the North American Police Soccer Championships

that pits Canadian and the U.S. law enforcement teams in competition.

Anyone interested in joining our soccer program is welcome. Practice at the Elysian Park Academy field every Wednesday evening beginning at 1930 hrs. If you are interested, please write an e-mail or call or before coming out. Coach/Manager Don Barfield, (562) 462-3982 - office, e-mail: dbarfield@lajdig.org or contact Assistant Manager Marlon Marrache, (818) 335-8640 - cellular or e-mail: 34875@lapd.lacity.org

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SPORTS BEAT

LAPD Shotgun Blasters Shatter Records at International Games

by Jimmy L. Trahin

Talk about a lean, mean, fighting machine! The LAPD Trap & Skeet Team broke numerous records at the recently held International Police & Fire Games in Las Vegas during August.

It was absolutely pure "HELL" at the shooting ranges with record temperatures of 112 degrees and humidity adding to the heat index where even an Iraqi camel couldn't survive. Add in some threatening thunderstorms and gusty wind and the environment was at an optimum (NOT). No matter. It would not deter our team from entering the history books with some of the highest scores ever recorded in such wretched conditions.

What kind of degenerate and insane individual would enjoy participating in such nightmarish circumstances? Glad you asked and here they are. The team consisted of **DAVE HERRICK, HARRY "MR. SKEET" DAVIS, PAUL KNOLL, GREG DEWITT, BILL PAGE, DON BRAY, VIC ELLIOTT, ED CHAUFF**, and yours truly, the exhausted coach, **JIMMY TRAHIN**.

There were over 60 shooters from countries as far away as Australia, Russia, and Great Britain competing in the five day, marathon gathering which

included ten events: Sporting Clays (12 & 28 ga), Trap (16 yd, 24 yd, riot, & doubles), and Skeet (12 ga, 28 ga, riot, and doubles).

The final results were staggering! LAPD captured the GOLD in (7) out of the (10) events (a record) and the silver or bronze in the other three. EVERY shooter won numerous individual medals (mostly Gold) during the competition.

Davis not only won High Overall (Top Gun) in Sporting Clays and Skeet, but TOP GUN in the entire competition.... another record which happened to precipitate a new record. "Mr. Skeet" Davis completed the "TRIPLE GRAM SLAM" of Trap & Skeet shooting by being the only person in the same year to ever win the Top Gun in all three major Police & Fire Games (Arizona, California, & International (Nevada)). That's LAPD at its finest!

Finally, the medal count. (53) GOLD, (30) SILVER, and (23) BRONZE for a fantastic and incredible, record breaking grand total of 106 medals in international competition. Talk about world domination in police trap & skeet shooting. When LAPD gets on a roll, we are unquestionably tough to beat. I wished I could say the same for the crap tables.

That finally concludes our competi-

tion for the year and we can finally kick back for a well-deserved rest. With every shooter blasting an average of over 5000 rounds (20 cases of shells) a year, our over burdened bodies are past due for "R & R".

What we would like to see is more participation from all those cops in our department. We know that there's got to be some more eagle eyes, master-lip-blasters out there that can share in this exciting sport.

It makes no difference if you're active or retired, sworn or reserve, male or female. If you are a carbon-based life form with enthusiasm to mutilate clay birds, WE WANT YOU!

We have our monthly practice ses-



LAPD Trap & Skeet Team - International Gold Medal Champions with 106 medals.

Standing (l-r): Dave Herrick, Bill Page, Don Bray, Vic Elliott. Kneeling (l-r): Jimmy Trahin, Harry Davis, Ed Chauff. Missing: Greg Dewitt.

Photo courtesy Bunso Trahin.

sions at the Prado Olympic Shooting Park in Chino on Saturdays. For more information, contact me, Jimmy Trahin at (562) 698-2674, or e-mail (j.trahin@verizon.net).

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LAPD Women's Basketball Team "Rule" at the Internationals



Leslee Rogers, Tracy Wolfe, Erika Spence, Brenda Crump, Marissa Frial, Gary Crump.

It was the first time the LAPD Women's Basketball Team competed in the International Police and Fire Games that were held in Las Vegas this year. The women took 5 strong players to compete in the 3 on 3 tournaments. The team won several gold medals in the previous Las Vegas Police and Fire Games and was well prepared for other competitive teams. During the 1st day of competition the LAPD Women played four consecutive games against Las Vegas, Memphis, San Diego, and LAX. Forward **Leslee Rogers** led the team in scoring and **Erika Spence** also had a

great offensive effort helping the team win all the games by double digits. Leslee and Erika played equally well the next day, and coupled with **Tracy Wolfe** versatile play, and **Marissa Frial's** and **Brenda Crump's** relentless defense contributed to wins against Memphis, San Diego, and another game against Memphis in the finals. It was a great victory and superb team effort by all. A special thanks to LAPRAAC and the friends and family who cheered and supported the team.

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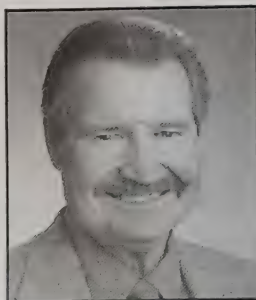
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LAPD Roller Hockey Wins 9th Consecutive Gold

With five games in two days, rink side chatter from opposing teams was "Play physical against LAPD," "Wear them down...they're older and slower than a few years ago." The strategy appeared to be working. Although LAPD went 5-0 in the preliminary round, the team was plagued with injuries (i.e.: shoulders, backs, knees, etc...). However, typical of LAPD hockey players, pain was largely ignored, and focus remained on winning the Gold.

Next up was the first game of the medal round with a combined team from the East Bay area (Northern California). After a couple of fluke goals, LAPD found themselves down early 2-0. The top teams who were scouting the game turned the "rink side chatter" into "You see...LAPD can be beat." Suddenly, as if in response, LAPD banged in 12 unanswered goals to evoke the mercy rule (ten-goal difference ending the game), prompting teams to add "...as

long as we don't make them mad." The seventh game was against a combined team from Santa Clara. Although they had talent, and played tough, they too were sent to the losers bracket. A much-anticipated semi-final between the two remaining undefeated teams was next: LAPD vs. FBI. The "feds" were a fast team, and played a good patient style of hockey trying to use their speed to capitalize on LAPD mistakes. However, LAPD played their best game of the tournament, and picked up the physical play to grind the FBI into the boards and wear them down. LAPD's offensive attack became constant, and sent a message out to the other teams while advancing to the Gold medal game.

The final was LAPD vs. Anaheim Police/Fire. Early in the week Anaheim had looked like the favorite to win the Gold medal, but stumbled and lost one to FBI. After avenging that loss, they came to the Gold medal game with a ton of confidence. This game lived up to expectations, as both teams battled all over the rink. Experience became a fac-



Back (l-r): Frank Kenny, Kevin Gallagher, Dain Hurst, Mike Fletcher, John Knighton, Tim Surette. Front (l-r): Konrad Vollmer, Chris Mason, Jason Schwab, Scott Taylor.

tor, as LAPD's disciplined style of play resulted in a 4-0 lead at the halfway point. Anaheim re-grouped and scored two quick goals to get back into the fight. But LAPD then stepped it up defensively and held off the offensive attack. After a few Anaheim turnovers, LAPD counter-attacked scoring 2 more goals to put them away. LAPD's 6-2 victory capped off a 9-0 tournament record, and clinched a ninth consecutive Gold medal.

Players of all skill levels wishing to be a part of this winning tradition are encouraged to contact Sgt Russ Carr or Det. Frank Kenny.



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<u>OCTOBER 20TH</u>	TEAM CAPTAINS MTG FOR (B TO V) IN GYM 11:30AM
<u>OCTOBER 21ST</u>	BENCH PRESS WEIGH IN'S
<u>OCTOBER 22ND</u>	BENCH PRESS COMP. @ LA ACADEMY GYM 8AM
<u>NOVEMBER 1-2</u>	BASKETBALL EVALUATIONS IN GYM 8-5
<u>NOVEMBER 8TH</u>	INTRA BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS
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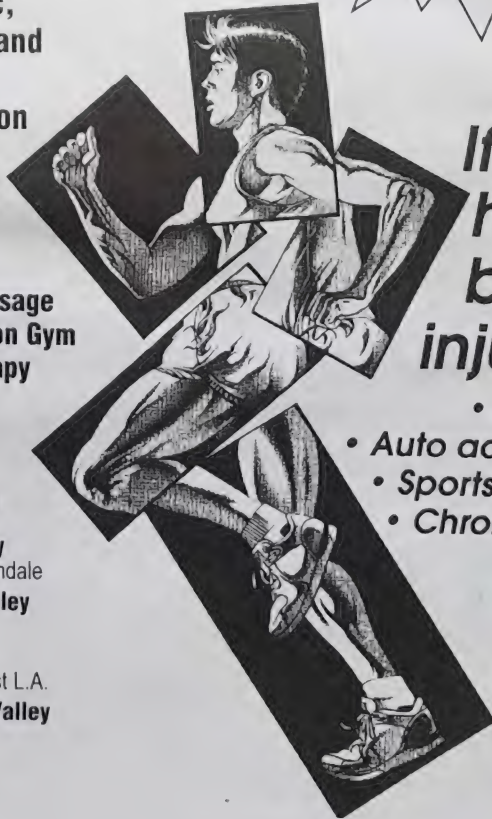
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Check-in time will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the starting time at 8:00 a.m. and the tournament will be a shotgun team scramble.

You may sign up as a single, double, triple, or team of four.

If you are interested in participating, please contact **Charlie Loust** at (562) 862-1260.

Fight for Life Boxing Event

by Lenny Muñoz
(LAPD Retired)

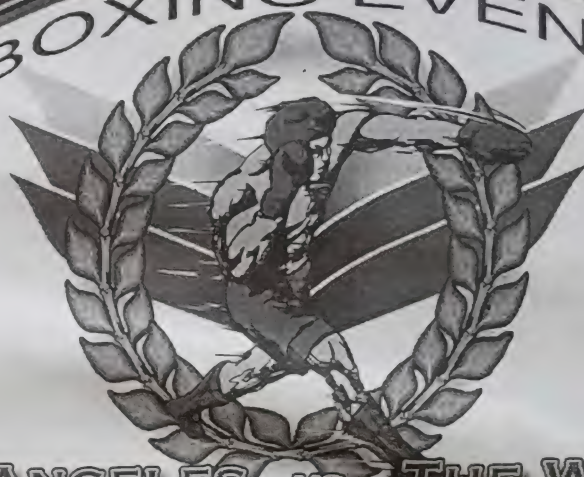
Well, brothers and sisters of law enforcement, the big fun night of fistic explosion and fellowship is rapidly approaching. November 12, 2004 will bring a lot of excitement to downtown Los Angeles. The Grand Olympic Auditorium at 18th and Grand will again host the Fight for Life boxing event to benefit the City of Hope Cancer

Hospital and Research Center.

Save the date and make your plans. Get a group together and come on down. Tickets will soon be available at the usual locations: the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the L.A. County Sheriff's Relief and LAPD Public Affairs Division.

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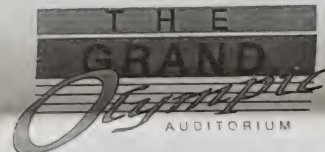


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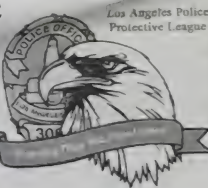
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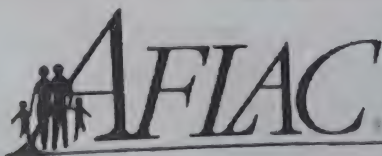
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Big Year for the LAPD Ski and Snowboard Team

Ski season is just around the corner, and the LAPD Ski and Snowboard Team is gearing up for another strong race year. Even though our team numbers are close to full strength, we always have room for new-dedicated skiers and snowboarders. By dedicated, we don't necessarily mean good, but those who are truly committed and willing to participate. We are not a ski club; we are a



Glenn Jackson and John Artes battle it out in the Dual Slalom.

racing team, comprised of skiers and snowboarders of varying abilities who all love to race!

The upcoming season will kick off with the Annual Team Meeting and Party on November 7th, at Mike and Ingrid Braun's house. The meeting is essential for old and new members alike, for this is our best opportunity to go over the year's schedule, order products and conduct team business.

We are confident this year will be as successful as last year. In February Kelli Stallings was our lone representative at the Canadian Tour de Cops race in Silverstar, BC. Kelli had a great time and returned home with some nice medals. In March, skiers Amy Bradford, Mike Braun, Ingrid Braun, Maggie Furmanski, Tim Grabe, Glenn Jackson, Angela Johnson, Mike Johnson, Bob McDonald, Max Phillips, Steve Roussell and Lou Vince and snowboarders Mike Guttilla and Jon Sugar traveled to Davos, Switzerland, to compete in the International Police Winter Games. Although the European competitors were tough, we managed to score quite a few medals.

From Switzerland the team returned to California for the Fire/Police Olympics at Mammoth Mountain. Back on home turf, the team dominated by winning the 1st Place Team trophy, anchored by Mike Braun, Mike Johnson, Rob Lerner, and Bruce Christensen. As usual, Mike Johnson won the Fastest Cross Country award, and tied teammate Mike Braun for the Overall Skier Award. Rob Lerner took the Overall Skier Award for the over-50 age group. That's right, Rob is now over 50 and skiing as well as ever. Mike Braun also won the Dual Slalom, Fastest SuperG and the No. 1 bib for next year. Many individual medals were awarded to our other racers: snowboarders Kevin



LAPD Ski and Snowboard Team.

Currie, Bryan Fox, Michael Guttilla, Ryan Lee, Ann McGrew and Stanley Shen, and skiers John Artes, Ingrid Braun, Clint Dohmen, Scott Harrelson, Jeff Hazer, Glenn Jackson, Bob McDonald, Bill Page, Mark Pearce, Max Phillips, Charles Rodriguez, Andy Smith and Dan Tagliere. Notable performances and props go out to rookies Dan Tagliere and Ryan Lee, and veteran snowboarders Mike Guttilla and Bryan Fox.

Last on the tour was the North American Police Ski Championships in Snowmass, Colorado. Our team of Ingrid Braun, Michael Braun, Bruce Christensen, Janet Kim, Bill Page, Max Phillips, Charles Rodriguez and Kelli Stallings made a strong showing. Everyone won at least one gold medal, and Mike and Ingrid Braun were the fastest man and woman. Mike and Ingrid also won the overall Expert awards. With Co-Captain Rick

Conrado out for the year with a knee injury, Charles Rodriguez stepped up to the plate and pulled off a second place finish with teammate Mike Braun for the men's Expert Team award.

With the IPWG going on hiatus for at least the next year, we only have two major races for the 2005 season. We will prepare ourselves by hosting at least four race-training days at Mammoth Mountain between December and March. The team will participate in both the NAPSC race at Copper Mountain, Colorado, from February 27 - March 5, and the Fire/Police Olympics at Mammoth Mountain, from March 12 - 16. We expect a fabulous comeback from Rick Conrado, and continued strong results from the rest of the team. If you are interested in being a member, call Mike Braun at the Devonshire SLO Office at (818) 756-9011 x1759, or check out our webpage at www.lapd-ski-team.org.

LAPD Wrestling Team

LAPD Wrestling Team competes in the International Police and Fire Games in Las Vegas and bring home multiple medals.

Pat Higa won the gold medal for Freestyle and the silver for Greco-Roman in the 145 pound class. After two days of wrestling, Higa entered the submission wrestling competition. At the end of the event, Higa won another gold medal. (Two golds and one silver.)

Troy Collins won a silver medal in Freestyle wrestling and took fifth place in Greco-Roman wrestling in the 220-286 pound weight class. Collins also ran six track and field events. (100m shot

put, discus, javelin, long jump and 4x100 relay). Collins won golds in the discus and 4x100 relay, a silver in the javelin, a bronze for the shot put and long jump and took fifth place in the 100m. (Two golds, two silvers and two



bronzes.)

Fernando Mora won a silver in the Greco-Roman and a bronze in the Freestyle wrestling 167 pound weight class.

Mark Mireles won the silver medal in Greco-Roman wrestling 211 pound weight class after receiving a clearance from the doctor to wrestle with 13 stitches in his hand from an IOD incident.

Tim Collins won a bronze in Freestyle and took fourth place in Greco-Roman in the 211 pound weight class. Tim had to wrestle up a weight



class due to lack of competition in his weight class.

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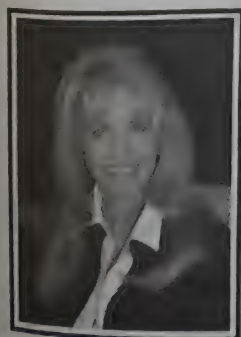
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SPORTS BEAT

LAPRAAC Sports "Shorts"

by Ruben Espalin, Athletic Coordinator

Bench Press Contest Reminder...

The October 22nd Bench Press competition will be held at the LAPRAAC gym at the LA Police Academy. This event should be huge with all sides gearing up for what should be a dogfight for bragging rights. Here's the "skinny" on the weigh-ins. Call **Ruben** or **Josiah** at 323-221-5222 exts. 219-221 for info.

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3pt Shootout and Slam Dunk Contest Results...

The competition was held on 8/27 in the LAPRAAC gym. Unfortunately, the turnout was dismal, but the people who were there had a great time. The competition was close in the "A" category for men with **Eric Moore** winning by 1 pt over **Josiah** and **Ruben** from the Athletic Dept. (yes, we can shoot). The "B" men was won by **Julian Pere** and the "C" category was won by **Ralph Vincent**. The womens competition was tight with **Brenda Crump** coming out victorious but not without a fight from **Leslee Rogers**. Eric Moore did have to attempt a slam to get his trophy, which was close

enough to win.

Intradepartmental Basketball...

The 2004 Intradepartmental Basketball season will begin November 8th with the team evaluations happening on November 1-2. We look forward to a great upcoming season filled with exciting fast-paced action and coast-to-coast thrills. **Charles Perry** and his crew will be ready to take on the ref duties even though it is considered hazardous duty at times!

For information on the upcoming season, please call the Athletic Dept. at 221 or 219.

Baker to Vegas Meetings...

The Baker To Vegas meetings for Captain's will be as follows:

October 20 - LAPRAAC gym @ 11:30-1pm and December 1 same place and time.

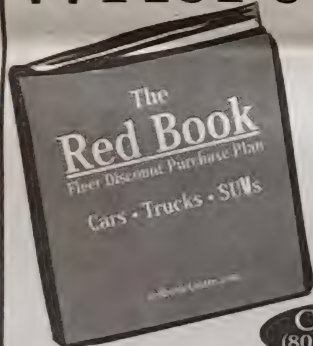
For further information on this event go to bakervegas.com or call **Chuck Foote** at 323-221-5222 ext. 220

Tickets Available at the Main LAPRAAC Office...

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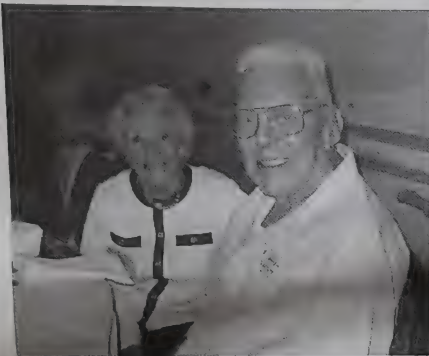
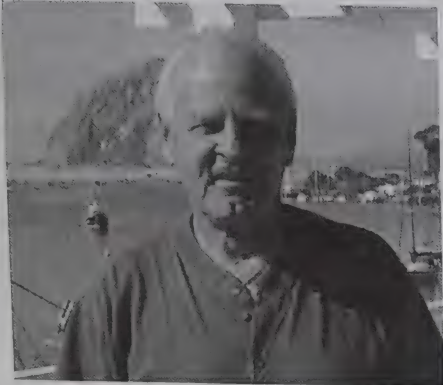


Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from all of us on the Central Coast. Hopefully your summer has been a rewarding one. Our Fuzz gang met on Sept 16th for our annual auction, get together at Rosa's Ristorante in Pismo Beach. Due to our Blue Line deadline of the first of the month, I'll report on our activities next month. **Paul & Stella Mattson** and **Jeff & Melissa Watkins** are doing a fine job planning and coordinating the Fuzz activities.

A lot of our members were off traveling during the summer. **Paul & Stella Mattson** took their 5th wheel and went



all the way back to New England. **Tom & Dorie Zwinger** spent three weeks in Europe and **Joe & Taylor Hilden** toured the Northwest visiting Victoria and places beyond.

Judy and I took our 5th wheeler up to Alaska via the Alaska Highway beginning at Dawson Creek, British Columbia. While in Whitehorse, Yukon, I stopped off to write the Fuzz Article in a small coffee shop featuring Internet connections. I pounded on the computer keys writing about the days of old when **Sgt Preston** of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and his dog, King, chased down the hardened criminals in the rugged snow covered mountains. I was all excited to be able to send the article from such a distant outpost as the Yukon. Alas, it was lost somewhere in cyberspace and never made it to the good old USA. Anyway, we endured the bumpy, gravel, dusty roads of Canada and finally made the beautiful land of Alaska. We had been there 25 years ago so we picked up where we left off and had a super trip. We highly recommend visiting Alaska if you have not yet had the opportunity to visit this vast land. The fishing is unbelievable. On the trip we stopped off in Coeur D Alene, Idaho and ran into some good LAPD

friends that included **Mike & Caroline Murphy, John & Joyce**

Preston, Bill & Margie Anderson, Grady & Sue Dublin, Gary Rudel and Werner & C.J. Krempels. Super people.

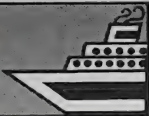
We have a few people on the mend. **Paul Mattson** is recovering from intestinal surgery and **Gerd Konieczny** just underwent heart bypass surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Fuzz Loss

Recently, we mentioned that we had lost **Nellie Calvert**, wife of **Freeman Calvert**. Freeman, who was in his 90's was residing in a care center in Arroyo Grande, passed away last August. Freeman was one of our founders, who along with **Bob Rackerby**, started the Fuzz That Wuzz back in 1981. Freeman came on the Department in 1937 and worked with Governor Ronald Reagan's security detail after retirement. Freeman and Nellie rarely missed a Fuzz event and they will both be sorely missed by all of us.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

Columbus Day 2004

When Christopher Columbus sailed to the West, little did he know that he would find the greatest country in the world. In the passing of the years, hardly any notice is now given to this great explorer of the new world called the Americas! Oh sure, his birthday is October 12th, but this year we celebrate Columbus Day on October 11th! As the years pass us by, Halloween has become a much larger celebration!

Well, I'm going to raise my glass on high, and give a big cheer for Christopher Columbus!

I know all of you are anxious to hear all about the LAPD Wine Country Picnic & BBQ at **Ron & Marilyn Kiser's** that was held on September 25th. Well I'm sorry, but you'll have to wait until next month's Blue Line for that report. I'll have all the details in a separate article.

On August 27, 2004 there was a memorial service held for **Charles W. Long** here in Sacramento.

'Charlie' as we called him, retired from Van Nuys Divn. in July 1969.

Born April 26, 1924 in Linn, Kansas, he passed away on August 5, 2004 here in Roseville.

His long life was a continual service to his fellow man.

Charlie started serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in WWII. On that infamous South Pacific island of Iwo Jima, Charlie was wounded in combat and received the Purple Heart for his wounds.

Then in 1949, he began serving the people of Los Angeles as a member of

the Los Angeles Police Department for twenty years.

After retirement, Charlie his wife Carmen and family moved to Chico, CA.

Charlie continued serving the community by working security at a college until moving to Sun City here in Roseville.

So here's a man, of quiet demeanor, a ready smile for all, loyal to family and friends, who served other people all of his productive life. Oh sure, all were jobs, and he worked. But these were jobs where Charlie served humanity. He looked out for other people all of his life.

I only met Charlie through his loyal membership in SABLA in recent years. I liked Charlie. You could say I loved the guy. He was a good friend to have and cherish. He'll fit in just fine with all the angels in heaven. God bless you Charlie.

In other news from SABLAland, we had our monthly luncheon at Friends in Rancho Cordova on Thursday August 12, 2004. We were there. Where were you?? Did you pay your SABLA dues yet?? Shame on you, if you didn't! I had lunch with **Bob Devin** from Auburn, and got 'caught up' on all the news from the past. It was a good get-together. Bob tells me that he did sell one home recently, and moved into a smaller home. He and his wife Betty are much more comfortable with the smaller

place to take care of, with lawn care, landscaping, and etc. I know what that means. I used to think it would be great when I retired to have some 'open space' somewhere, away from all the noises of the city. But once you arrive

there, you seem to lose interest in taking care of several acres!!

Hoy Key & Wilma Laycock were at the head table with our Prez **Joe Sandoval**. Joe has brought up

the need for us to explore our LAPD benefit packages for the next few months. This month, he has a commitment from **Cliff Ruff** at the Protective League to come for a Sacramento visit, and have lunch with us. This will be a luncheon that you don't want to miss. We'll have questions, and Cliff says he'll be ready to answer them!

Our own **Gene DeCrona** from Rancho Murieta gave a presentation on pension issues that include us retirees. He covered a series of issues, and stated that he will have some handout materials at a future SABLA luncheon. So be there for that, OK??

Chairman **Sandoval** has been concentrating during his tenure as SABLABoss, on disclosing, and updating the benefits we enjoy. And also making sure all of us have a more solid understanding of some of the more legal issues like 'Living Wills' and trusts, health care, insurance and beneficiaries. As many of us have been retired from LAPD for so many years, and being 'out-of-the-loop', often results in — 'Oh, I'll worry about that later'!! Not a good premise to live by. So Prez **Joe** is concentrating on waking us up!! Go for it Joe!

I saw **Dick King** back here from Lodi and his wine enterprise. When you read this, the grapes will have been harvested, and Dick will be looking for something else to occupy his time. I'm not sure if **Betty** and he will be returning to their home in Palm Desert for the winter.

Chuck Ward, Dennis McDonald and **Chuck Crawford** were there discussing 'ol times'! Why Dennis was 'hangin' around' these two X-motor officers, well—I didn't have time to find out!

Tony Baldassano was in from the El Dorado Hills. Tony 'B' and **Carolyn** sold their place in Shingle Springs, and are now closer 'in' to Sacramento, at a

beautiful hillside, golf course enclave named Serrano. Nice move you two, and congratulations!

Bob Keel wife **Verna**, 'did' the cruise up and back down on the coast of Norway! But by the time you read this, you'll have to ask them about another cruise that they have just taken.

This time it was from Boston, north to the St. Lawrence River to Montreal! And then back to Boston and home!

These two are our 'in-house' experts when it comes to cruising! Any time you want to know about who to cruise with, or where, or when, the Keels are the ones to ask! It's great fun, — cruisin'!!

Chuck Blogin was in from Sun City Roseville. Chuck tells me that his golf game is being hampered! Not from a bad 'slice' or 'hook' or 'short game', but that age old problem of arthritis! Hang in there Chuck!

I did receive an email from **Joe Waters** back in Florida. He lives in Lynn Haven near Panama City which is located in what is called the 'Panhandle' of Florida. I know you Texans! You have THE Panhandle. But Joe was giving me a hurricane damage report from hurricane 'Charley'! The storm did not 'hit' in his area of the State. So he escaped. It did 'hit' in my area of Ft. Myers, but no major damage occurred.

And Joe. If I'm going to keep mentioning you in the SABLA article, you must send **Hoy Key** \$15 for your yearly dues, OK??? Being a member allows you special privileges! OK???

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LISTEN UP!!! The lighting ceremony in Prescott is well attended and parking downtown will be difficult if you come late!!

The cost this year will be \$25.00 per person. Make checks payable to PBL and send to George Tyree, 6875 N. Harris Drive, Prescott, AZ 86305.

Any questions? Contact:

George and Elsie Tyree: 928-778-0235

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Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

October! By the time this article reaches the news our first run will have been held. Unfortunately our crystal ball isn't working so we don't have the list of the runners and support personnel that attended the first session.

Our next run is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2004 in Griffith Park. We still meet behind the Park Rangers Headquarters building. Just follow the parking lot road out behind the left field

foul line of the baseball field and we'll be there.

Co-captains **Chuck McTaggart** and **Mel Sandvig** well be there to greet and meet you. Our 6 mile training run will be followed by a training breakfast. If you are unable to participate in the run come on out anyway, the support personnel well be there to assist the runners.

We look forward to seeing you there on the first Sunday of each month right up until the 2005 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Run!



Blue Knights Reunion October 17, 2004

There will be a fall reunion for the Northwest Blue Knights and all retired or active LAPD are invited. The date is October 17, 2004, and the location is the Best Western Tulalip Inn, 3228 Marine Dr., N.E., Marysville, WA 9827; phone: (360) 659-4488 or (360) 658-0809. The rooms are very reasonable for anyone wanting to stay overnight. To get there, use exit 199 off of Interstate 5 and go west two blocks. This restaurant is well known for its Sunday brunch and we will have a banquet room large enough for 80 persons. Please contact Ernie Neumann, (253) 858-6016; e-mail: whirleyrnie@aol.com or Tim Bowen, (360) 459-2524; e-mail: heipo@Comcast.net.



Inland Blue Line

by Stan Kensic

At the April meeting, I solicited input as to how many members would be interested in a steak fry barbeque and the response was about 90% for such an activity. **Bob Risen, Bill Frommeling** and I have been inspecting some potential sites. Unfortunately, this has proven to be a greater problem than I anticipated. We contacted the Riverside Sheriff Academy, hoping that they might have a setup similar to the LAPD Academy. This was not to be. However, we were given a tour of the facilities and found this to be very interesting. I will share the details at the meeting and if there are enough of our members interested in making a tour, I will make the necessary arrangements. We also took a look at the March Reserve Air Force facilities and a park in Hemet. Neither location had the necessary cooking facilities to accommodate a steak fry. We will continue the search and welcome any suggestions.

I have contacted the President of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, **Will Gartland**, to be our guest speaker. He will give us an update on the latest retirement news that affects all of us. Will spoke at the Central Coast "Fuzz that Wuzz" association and his presentation was well received. The Retired Association is our main lobbying group and is gaining in importance so it is important for all of us to be aware of their agenda.

Our October fest is right around the corner, so once again, time for a friendly reminder. The meeting is going to be

held at our usual restaurant, the Anchor Restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave in Hemet. Date and time is October 13th, 2004 at 10:30AM. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.50 and includes complimentary beverages during the social hour. Please submit your reservation form no later than October 8th, so I can submit a head count for the meals. My good friend **Bob Risen** has agreed to accept the reservation forms as I will be in Hawaii until October the 9th. Call him at (951) 600-7501 for further information.

The Temecula monthly morning breakfast group continues to grow and is getting noisier each meeting. The meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Country Garden Restaurant in Old Town Temecula. We start at 9:00AM and continue until we get tired of one another. The only cost is your breakfast. Some of the regulars are **Vic Nilsen** (a big mischief maker), **Curt Batchelder**, **Sam Johnson**, **Bob Risen**, **Bob Rock**, **Curt Batchelder**, **Don Floyd**, **Bill Frommeling**, **Frosty Neimeyer**, **Jim Monaghan**, **Bill Mayfield**, **John Paige**, **Fred Brown**, **Gerald Moe**, **Bobby Wheelis**, **Sid Stoffel**, **Fred Riscen**, **Raymond Rush**, **Jim Salagi**, **Hanns Ruth**, **Gary S. Smith**, **Eddie Watkins**, **Bud Lester**, **Bill Cobb**, **Roger Williams**, and **Jerry Dotson**. For those whom I may have missed, accept my apology.

If you have any questions or need further info for the Inland Blue Line October Fest, contact me via email at usc76@earthlink.net or phone me at 951-696-1971.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on October 20, 2004, at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the 3rd Wednesday in the Bar/Lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 28 attending August 18th luncheon. The following attended: **Jim DAVIS** (14365), **Ted DEBS** (6808), **Emmett DRENNEN** (3279), **Ed ELLIOTT** (4703), **Ed ELLIOTT Jr.** (14202), **Hillard** (Curly) **ELLIOTT** (4534), **Clinton ERICKSON** (5608), **Bill FEDDERSON** (4823), **Billi FELIZ**, **Lindo GIACOPUZZI** (3012), **Jim GICKING** (10862), **John W. GROGAN** (11852), **Dean** (6057) & **Ginny KNOUSE**, **Tom LINDHOLM** (4734), **Boris MENEGHELLI** (3522), **Herbert** (Pinky) **MEREDITH** (3664), **Lou NETZA** (7655), **Paul NICHOLAS** (4047), **Les NOLTE** (10621), **Jake ORBUS** (5407), **Ray PALASZEWSKI** (5934), **Dale RICKARDS** (3593),

Duane (Whitey) **RYBURN** (3961), **J.R. SCHILLER** (10992), **Cliff SHANNON** (2370), **Jim SWISTON** (4654), and **Dean WARNER** (5682). There was one new attendee this month **Jim Gicking**.

Our BBQ will be held at Dale Rickards Ranch 33171 W. Mulholland HWY, Malibu, CA 90265-9533 on Saturday October 23, 2004 from 12 noon to 5PM. We will serve Beef and/or Chicken with beer and soft drinks for \$15 each person. **THIS IS YOUR LAST REMINDER TO SEND IN RESERVATIONS AND REMITTANCE** which should be sent to Clinton O. Erickson 23441 Aetna St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367-3128 by October 16, 2004

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.larfpa.com website. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in October and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER		Event Time/ Social	Meal
October 1	Paul Glasgow Retirement	1800	1900
October 1	Bruce Cowan Retirement	1900	
October 2	"A Night With Joe Friday"		
	L.A. Police Museum	1800	
October 13	Inland Blue Line	1030	1200
October 14	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	1200
October 17	Northwest Blue Knights Reunion		
October 20	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
October 22	Daniel Sturdy Retirement	1730	1830
October 23	Valley Retired Blues BBQ	1200	
NOVEMBER			
November 7	Cops for Tots Car Show at Elysian Park Academy	0800	
November 12	Fight for Life Boxing Event	1830	
November 13-17	I.A.C.P. Convention		
November 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
November 19	LAPRAAC Annual Sports Awards Banquet	1700	1800

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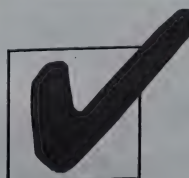
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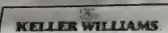

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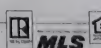


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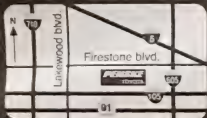
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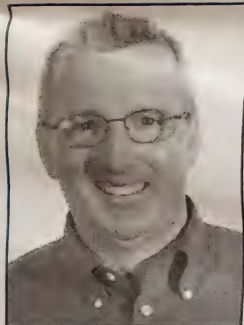
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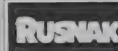
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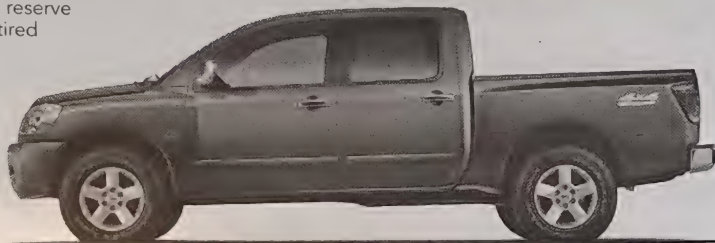
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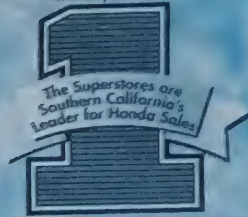
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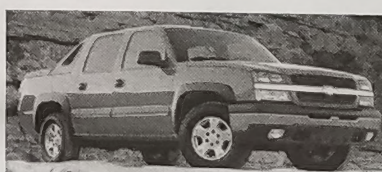
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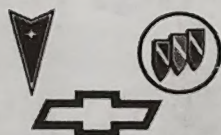
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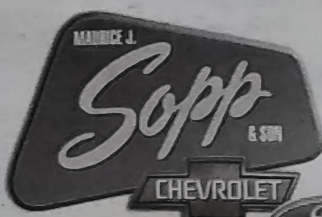
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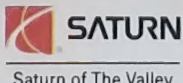
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